

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS at SPRINGFIELD

TEACHER EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Requirements for Admission

1. Passing score on the Illinois Test of Basic Skills
2. TEP 227 or other course work in educational psychology.
3. TEP 222 or other course work in human growth and development. (Elementary) TEP 223 or other course work in adolescence (secondary)
4. 201, an introduction to education class, or the equivalent.
5. A course in service learning, fieldwork, or documentation of at least 30 hours working with school-age children in an educational setting.
6. Fingerprint Check (required form available through Teacher Education)
7. Transcripts from all schools previously attended.
8. Overall GPA of 2.5 averaged for all schools previously attended.
9. Meet with the TEP program advisor. (206-6934)

All students entering the teacher education program are required to have a fingerprint check performed at Accurate Biometrics. Forms are available from the program advisors and the Council on Professional Education office (Brookens 323).

General Education Requirements

Pursuant to the State of Illinois Professional Teaching Standards, candidates in teacher education are expected to possess General Education Knowledge. General Education is defined as "theoretical and practical understanding generally expected of a liberally educated person. General education includes developing knowledge related to the arts, communications, history, literature, mathematics, philosophy, sciences, and the social studies, from multicultural and global perspectives." The candidate must meet all general education standards prior to application for student teaching.

Self-Check List

If you cannot answer YES to each of these six items, then do not submit your application. Submit all three pages of the application plus all supporting documentation requested on this page.

- I have an overall **GPA of 2.5** or better.
 - I have passed the Basic Skills portion of the Illinois Teacher Certification exam. A photocopy of the scores is enclosed
- OR**
- I will take the Basic Skills Test on the next available date and submit a photocopy of my scores within one week after the "Score Report Date".
 - I have completed the information/demographic application form (**typed or neatly printed**)
 - I have applied for the CBI (Criminal Background Investigation)
 - I have scheduled a meeting with the program advisor (206-6934) to have my transcripts evaluated
 - I have attached copies of transcripts of **ALL** the schools I have attended.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____
My signature above confirms that I have answered yes to all of the self-check list statements and I have enclosed all of the requested supporting documentation.

IN ADDITION

You may also include up to two (2) letters of recommendation from a supervisor who is familiar with your work with children.

When you have completed all of the above requirements, the application and **ALL** supporting documentation (the application, the checklist, copies of your transcripts, and a copy of your test results) should be submitted to:

**Teacher Education
University of Illinois at Springfield Brookens 330
One University Plaza MS BRK 330
Springfield, IL 62703-5407**

IMPORTANT: Do not send incomplete applications. If you have any questions regarding the completion of this application call 217-206-6682 or 217-206-6934.