

Illinois Certification Information

- 1) To access Illinois Certification enter our web site (www.education.uiowa.edu/tess) access “Licensure Information” in the Teacher Licensure section. At the bottom of the page find links to out-of-state Department’s of Education and access separate link to “Illinois”. Direct access to their site (http://www.isbe.state.il.us/certification/html/prospective_outofstate.htm).

- 2) **APPLICATION INFORMATION AND MATERIALS**
 - a) Select “Application Checklist” – READ THOROUGHLY.
 - b) Link to forms from that checklist (first paragraph)
 - Upon completion of your TEP program, file form 73-03C with additional supplementary materials as directed (final UI official transcript, copy of Iowa Teaching License, etc.) with appropriate Illinois Regional Office of Education. Directory of Regional Offices available in Quick Links menu.
 - Submit form 73-05 to UI Licensure Consultant (Lynn McMorris). If you are currently finishing your TEP program you may file this form with Lynn anytime during your final semester. She will process at the close of the semester and forward directly to the ISBE.

- 3) **TESTING**
 - a) All applicants must complete the following tests before a regular Illinois teaching certificate will be issued. Some applicants may need to take additional content area tests. Links to testing information available on their site.
 - Basic Skills (Praxis I taken for admission to UI program not accepted as replacement.)
 - Content Test(s)
 - APT (Assessment of Professional Teaching)
 - b) **ILLINOIS WILL NOT ACCEPT IOWA’S PRAXIS I OR PRAXIS II FOR THE PURPOSE OF SATISFYING THE BASIC SKILLS OR CONTENT TESTS. THE TEST WAIVER FORM WILL NOT BE COMPLETED BY THE UNIV. OF IOWA.**
 - c) If testing isn’t completed prior to making application for Illinois certification, apply for a Provisional Certificate (form 73-63). Read information thoroughly regarding period of validity.

- 4) **QUICK LINKS MENU**
 - a) A middle school endorsement is required to teach in grades 5-8 in Illinois. Middle grade certification information is available in the A-Z Certification Index. Completion of the Illinois course work does not satisfy Iowa middle school endorsement requirements. Contact Lynn McMorris for additional information. UI course work recognized by Illinois to satisfy the middle school endorsement are: 7E/S:132 Middle School Curriculum and Methods, 7P:133 The Adolescent and Young Adult, and a reading methods or reading in the content area class (7S:195, 7S:194 etc.) These courses are not offered every semester.
 - b) Directory of Illinois Regional Offices available in Quick Links menu