

ACCELERATED POST-BACCALAUREATE TEACHER LICENSURE PROGRAM



Educator
Preparation

Eastern Illinois University is now recruiting candidates for the 2021-22 Accelerated Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Licensure Program. This innovative program enables qualified candidates in specific content areas to complete all requirements for teacher licensure in one calendar year (June 2021 to May 2022).

Endorsements in the program include:

- Mathematics (grades 9-12)
- Science (Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Physics) (grades 9-12)
- English (grades 9-12)
- History-Social Science (grades 9-12)
- Career and Technical Education (Business, FCS, Technology) (grades 6-12)
- Foreign Language (French, German, Spanish) (grades K-12)

To be eligible for admission to the program, a candidate must:

- Have a bachelor's degree in the specific content area with a minimum 2.65 GPA by May 2021
- Pass content area test (see <https://www.il.nesinc.com/>)
- Be admitted to the EIU Graduate School as a non-degree seeking student
- Complete a criminal history / background check

The program plan includes an 8-week summer intensive on the EIU campus in Charleston (June-July 2021), followed by a one-year, full-time teaching residency while completing additional online courses:

- **Summer 2021:** General teaching methods, educational psychology, diversity in schools, special education (13 semester hours)
- **Fall 2021:** Specific content area teaching methods, first semester of residency (9 semester hours)
- **Spring 2022:** Content area literacy, second semester of residency (9 semester hours)

Program Admission Requirements

- Letter of interest and resume to Associate Dean, College of Education (March 18, 2021)
- Bachelor's degree in the specific content area with a minimum 2.65 GPA (May 13, 2021)
- Acceptance by the EIU Graduate School as a non-degree seeking student (May 13, 2021)
- Criminal history / background check through EIU vendor (May 13, 2021)

First Semester Residency Admission Requirements (Due by July 23, 2021)

- Complete Summer 2021 courses with a minimum 3.00 GPA and no Ds or Fs
- Complete university speech and hearing screening, state-required physical examination, and tuberculosis test
- Complete Mandated Reporter training

Second Semester Residency Admission Requirements (Due by December 17, 2021)

- Complete first semester residency and specific content area teaching methods course
- Criminal history / background check through second semester residency school district

Contact Information – all inquiries and documentation should be directed to:

Dr. Stephen Lucas, Associate Dean, College of Education
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1420 Buzzard Hall 600 Lincoln Avenue Charleston, IL 61920
www.eiu.edu/coe/accelerated.php

Program Cost

For the program's first cohort (2020-21), total cost (including tuition, university fees, textbooks, and testing fees) was approximately \$15,500. Costs for the second cohort (2021-22) should be about the same, but will vary depending on final 2021-22 university tuition and fee rates that are determined by the EIU Board of Trustees in late Spring. The university provides tools to estimate costs at <https://www.eiu.edu/finaid/cost.php>. Interested candidates should bear in mind that this program includes a mix of on-campus and online courses, and that tuition is charged at the graduate rate. Updates on more specific costs will be available at www.eiu.edu/coe/accelerated.php as the 2020-21 academic year progresses.

Financial Aid

Because the Accelerated Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Licensure Program leads to initial teacher licensure, certain forms of financial aid are available for admitted students who continue to make satisfactory academic progress throughout the program. Information about financial aid may be found at the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships (www.eiu.edu/finaid/)

Golden Apple Accelerators Program

The Golden Apple Foundation is interested in assisting promising college graduates and career changers enter the teaching profession through such program as EIU's Accelerated Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Licensure Program. Significant financial assistance is available to candidates who are willing to be placed by the Golden Apple Foundation in a rural school for the residency portion of the program, as well as commit to teaching in a rural school for a specified length of time after program completion. Information on Golden Apple's Accelerator program may be found at <https://www.goldenapple.org/>

EIU Rural School Initiative

The Eastern Illinois University Rural School Initiative and Rural Teacher Corps programs provide support, financial assistance, and networking opportunities to both undergraduate and post-baccalaureate candidates interested in teaching in rural schools in Illinois. Information about this opportunity may be found at www.eiu.edu/rsi

Testing Requirements

All Accelerated Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Licensure candidates must fulfill the State of Illinois educator testing requirements in order to obtain licensure; there are two main sets of tests that must be fulfilled:

- **The content test for the subject area** in which a candidate intends to obtain licensure; for the Accelerated Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Licensure Program, these tests must be passed no later than the end of the first semester of residency (i.e., December 17, 2021) in order to progress to the second semester of residency. Candidates who do not pass the required content test by December 17, 2021 will have the second semester of residency delayed until Fall 2022 or later. Information and preparation materials on these tests may be found at the Illinois Licensure Testing System (ILTS) website: <https://www.il.nesinc.com/>
- **The state-required teaching performance** assessment must be passed prior to obtaining licensure. In Illinois, the required assessment is the edTPA, an authentic portfolio assessment that documents a candidate's skills in planning, teaching, and assessing during a five-day learning segment and employing video documentation, student work samples, and analytical writing. Information about the edTPA may be found at: www.edtpa.com/

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