

Students Interested in the EIU Elementary Education Cohort

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How do I find out if my courses transfer to EIU and will count towards this program?

A: Jeff Duck, EIU Advisor, will evaluate your transcripts and provide a sheet that shows what you still need in order to complete the program. This will show courses that will be taken at DACC and those that will be completed at EIU.

Q: What if I still need to take courses at DACC, can I still begin the EIU program fall of 2019?

A: You may still finish up your DACC classes while in the EIU cohort. You will need to complete all general education and C.O.R.E. courses before you begin student teaching. DACC offers courses in the fall, winter, spring, and summer in a variety of formats.

Q: How do I apply and register for courses?

A: This is a cooperation between DACC and EIU. Students will apply, register, and communicate with EIU about this program, transfer in credits, course substitutions, etc. EIU/Jeff Duck will accept unofficial transcripts for review and advise you on the application process. DACC advisor, Dawn Nasser, will guide students in the needed steps towards registering for DACC classes.

Q: What if I have never taken college courses, but want to be an Elementary Education teacher?

A: You should begin at DACC by speaking to Dawn Nasser. There is a process for new students to help better prepare you for college.

Q: TAP/ACT/SAT, what is that all about?

A: To become a licensed/certified teacher in the State of Illinois, an individual must pass certain exams, including the TAP, ACT, or SAT. Throughout the years, Illinois has required Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP). Beginning June 30, 2019, the Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP 400) will be put on hold indefinitely. The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) allows students to substitute ACT or SAT test scores for the TAP Test/Basic Skills requirement. More information can be obtained from your DACC or EIU advisor.

Q: Any advice on how to pay for my classes?

A: Some grant and scholarship opportunities may be available through both DACC and EIU. This is in addition to PELL and MAP grants if you qualify (FAFSA). You cannot receive PELL or MAP grants at both institutions at the same time.

Q: Can I still work while I am in DACC and/or EIU courses?

A: This cohort was designed for individuals that may have an already busy schedule, be it work, family, or other obligations. Practicum and student teaching hours are required as part of this program. EIU can provide more information, but these can be done in local schools. Practicum hours can be done in conjunction with current duties if your employer allows. Student teaching, on the other hand, is considered a 7am-7pm full-time commitment. If employed, arrangements should be made with your employer for time off.

Q: How long is the program

A: The EIU cohort, it is a 3-year program. Since it is a cohort, students must stick to the plan that is in place, and courses must be done in the sequence given. Classes will be held in the evening on the DACC campus, but there may be some courses that are online or are online hybrids (online & campus visits).

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