

College of Education
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**Information Concerning Graduate Application
for
Admission to Teacher Education Programs**

- All applicants must pass the Illinois Certification Testing System Test of Basic Skills prior to admission. Register for the test online at www.icts.nesinc.com. Be sure to designate UIUC to receive your test results.
- Applicants to selected programs must pass the appropriate ICTS content test prior to admission. See page 2, #3, "Eligibility requirements for specific programs..." for a list of specific program requirements.
- Applicants must take the test no later than October 29, 2005 to be considered for admission Fall 2006.

Please note that admission is competitive and curriculum space is limited. **Meeting minimum criteria does not guarantee admission.** High demand for admission from well-qualified applicants results in highly selective admission standards. All applicants should have an alternative enrollment plan in the event that admission is not offered.

Application

To apply for admission applicants need to submit the following by the deadline:

1. Application for admission to the University
2. Supplemental application
3. A well-ordered, 3-4 page, typed essay, double spaced with font size no smaller than 10 point

Please address the following points in your essay:

- I. Describe personal experiences that led you to pursue a career in education in the specific area to which you applied.
- II. Discuss how your experiences or lack thereof have influenced your ideas of cultural/racial/ethnic diversity (language, people with disabilities, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, etc.)
- III. Identify and discuss some experiences that influenced your ideas about the importance of developing inquiring and reflective minds, effective application of technology in the schools, and the teacher's role in fostering a commitment to community service (social, political and religious organizations, i.e., boy scouts, girl scouts, walkathons, UNICEF collections etc.)

Deadline

The supplemental application must be submitted to the Curriculum and Instructional Department in the College of Education at the following address no later than **December 1st**.

Curriculum and Instruction
311 Education Building
1310 South Sixth Street
Champaign, IL 61820

Information for Applicants

Eligibility

1. All applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:
 - **Competitive UIUC and/or cumulative GPA**
 - **Demonstration of high-level written communication (quality of writing, thoughtfulness about education, reflective thinking)**

- **Evidence of formal or informal experience working with children or youth comparable to the age-level of students served in the program for which application is made**
- **Pass the Illinois Certification Testing System Test of Basic Skills prior to application to program**

2. The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign requires field placement in school districts as part of various Education curricula and certificate programs. Illinois school districts are required by state law to conduct criminal background checks for applicants for certified and non-certified positions with a school district. School districts are requiring that applicants for field placements be subjected to a criminal background review prior to placement in the school districts. Certain convictions are a bar to employment with a school district and are fully set out in the Illinois School code 105 ILCS 5/10-21.9, as amended. All convictions will be reviewed for compatibility with placement in a school district. As part of this application you will be required to consent to a criminal background check and, where necessary, consent to submit your fingerprints to the Illinois State Police. Failure to consent to the background check will result in your not being able to complete a public school certification program and in the cancellation of any admission to the program. For further information on this requirement, call the Council on Teacher Education at (217) 333-2804.

3. **Eligibility requirements for specific programs (courses cited are UIUC offerings):**

Elementary and *Early Childhood Education

Completion of an undergraduate degree with coursework in the humanities, sciences, and social sciences
Undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 (A=4.00) or better
Three letters of recommendation

Secondary Education

Undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 (A=4.00) or better
Three letters of recommendation

***Biology** - Passing score on the Illinois Certification Testing System (ICTS) test in Science: Biology and completion of a sufficient amount of coursework in biological science

***Chemistry** - Passing score on the Illinois Certification Testing System (ICTS) test in Science: Chemistry and completion of a sufficient amount of coursework in chemistry

***Earth and Space Science** - Passing score on the Illinois Certification Testing System (ICTS) test in Science: Earth and Space Science and completion of a sufficient amount of coursework in earth science

English Language Arts - Passing score on the Illinois Certification Testing System (ICTS) test in English Language Arts and completion of a sufficient amount of coursework in English

***Mathematics** - Passing score on the Illinois Certification Testing System (ICTS) test in Mathematics and completion of a sufficient amount of coursework in mathematics

***Physics** - Passing score on the Illinois Certification Testing System (ICTS) test in Science: Physics and completion of a sufficient amount of coursework in physics

Social Science: History - Passing score on the Illinois Certification Testing System (ICTS) test in Social Science: History and completion of a sufficient amount of coursework in social science (A strong background in history is expected.)

*The sciences, mathematics and early childhood also require GRE scores.

Supplemental Application for Graduate Admission
Teacher Education Programs

All applications due by December 1st

1. Please provide the following information:

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| Name _____ | *Social Security Number _____ |
| Local address _____ | City/State/Zip _____ |
| Home Address _____ | City/State/Zip _____ |
| Home phone number (____) _____ | Local phone number (____) _____ |
| Net ID (if UIUC Student) _____ | E-mail _____ |

Desired Term of Entry Fall 2006

State certification regulations require that we solicit the following information at the point of entry into teacher education programs.

Have you ever been convicted of a felony, or any sex, narcotics or drug offense in Illinois or any other state?
 _____ Yes _____ No

I attest, under penalty of perjury that I am (Check one of the following):

- A citizen or national of the United States A Lawful Permanent Resident (Alien #)
 An Alien authorized to work until ___/___/___ (Alien # or Citizenship #) _____

Desired Curriculum (Select one):

Department of Curriculum and Instruction:

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| ____ Early Childhood Education (10KS0212EDM) | |
| ____ Elementary Education (10KS0211EDM) | |
| ____ Secondary English Language Arts Education (10KS0216EDM) | Secondary Science Education: (10KS0218EDM) |
| | ____ Biology |
| ____ Secondary Mathematics Education (10KS0219EDM) | ____ Chemistry |
| | ____ Earth and Space Science |
| ____ Secondary Social Science: History Education (10KS0217EDM) | ____ Physics |

2. Please attach your essay.

*In order to comply with State Law PA92-0734, the Council on Teacher Education requires you to provide a Social Security Number (SSN) on this application. The College of Education and the Council on Teacher Education will store the SSN in a secure place and will use it only to match to the list of persons who have passed the Illinois Certification Testing System Test of Basic Skills as required by law. If you do not provide an SSN, we will be unable to admit you into the Teacher Certification program.

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3. Please sign this application below attesting to the accuracy of the information provided.

I understand that in order to be considered for a field placement with a school district I must consent to a criminal background check. I also understand that the check may require that I submit my fingerprints to the Illinois State Police. I understand that I am responsible for all fees associated with this check. I understand that failure on my part to consent to the review will result in the cancellation of any admission to a teacher education program. I also understand that if I am admitted to a program, but my background check includes evidence of a criminal history, that history will be shared with the school district being considered for placement. I understand that the nature of that history might prohibit me from being placed in a given school district and that the district has the right to refuse my placement.

A distinguishing hallmark of the teacher education programs of the Colleges of Education is the commitment to diversity. Faculty members engage in research, teaching, and service activities developed to insure that all children, including those who are racially, ethnically, linguistically, and economically different as well as people with different abilities and disabilities, are provided with educational opportunities. I understand that if admitted I will be expected to participate in courses, complete assignments, and engage in activities and practica that will enhance my ability to teach an increasingly diverse student population.

I certify that all of the information provided by me in this application is true and accurate and reflects work that I personally have completed.

(Date)

(Signature)

Please refer to attached material for specific curriculum information and admission criteria.

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Has this student been admitted to a department in the Graduate College? _____ Yes _____ No

Undergrad. GPA (last 45 or 60 hrs.) _____ Grad. GPA _____ Combined GPA _____

Date B.S. awarded _____

