

Off-Campus Undergraduate Application Information for Admission to the Secondary Teacher Education Program

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications for fall admission will be accepted September 1, 2010 – March 1, 2011. Students interested in preparing for teacher certification in secondary education should apply to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for admission to the major subject in which they will seek certification, indicating the interest in the Secondary Education Minor as directed in the online application: http://admissions.illinois.edu/apply/app_transfer.html.

Please note that admission is highly 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 alternate enrollment plan in the event that admission is not offered.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

1. Pass the Illinois Certification Testing System Test of Basic Skills **prior** to admission. Applicants must take the Basic Skills test no later than the last exam administered before the March 1 application deadline. Register for the test online at www.icts.nesinc.com.
2. Competitive GPA (Applicants must have at least a **3.1 GPA--on a 4.0 scale** at the time of application.)
3. Complete 50 hours of verified academic tutoring experience with middle school or high school students before the semester of application. Students should submit completed verification forms directly to the College of Education, 120 Education Building, 1310 South Sixth Street, Champaign, IL, 61820. Form is available at: http://edwebsfiles.ed.uiuc.edu/saao/documents/se_hrs_verification_form.pdf.
4. The following courses have been identified as prerequisites for entry into the teaching option of each major. Completion of the courses before entry serves two principal purposes: it provides evidence of an applicant's prospects for success in the advanced portion of the program, and it helps to ensure completion of the entire program in a timely manner. Applicants who have not completed or are not enrolled in the prerequisite courses at the time of application may be at a competitive disadvantage for admission to highly selective programs. NOTE: Priority for admission to secondary areas is given to applicants who can complete the requirements of the LAS Major and the Minor in Secondary School Teaching in 10 semesters, including previous course work.

*****Minimum 2.5 grade point average required in major courses at the time of application.*****

English Language Arts: ENGL 200; at least nine hours chosen from ENGL 209, 210, 255, 256 or 301; EPSY 201; EPS 201 (Note: completion of seven courses in major is highly recommended)

Mathematics: MATH 220 or 221, 230 and 231, and 241 and completion of three advanced mathematics courses, one of which must be Math 347 or 348; EPSY 201; EPS 201 or 202 (ACP)

Science: Biology: MATH 220 or 221; CHEM 102 and 103, 104 and 105, 232 and 233; IB 150; MCB 150; one required 200-level IB course; one required 200-level MCB course; EPSY 201, EPS 201

Science: Chemistry: Select one of the following sequences:

- MATH 220 or 221 and 231; CHEM 102, 103, 104, 105, 222, 223, 232 and 233; EPSY 201; EPS 201 or 202 (ACP) **OR**
- MATH 220 or 221 and 231; CHEM 202, 203, 204, 205, 236 and 237; EPSY 201; EPS 201 or 202 (ACP)

Science: Earth and Space Science: CHEM 102 and 103; MATH 220 or 221 or 234; GEOL 107, 208, and 333 or 432; EPSY 201; EPS 201 or 202 (ACP)

Science: Physics: CHEM 102 and 103 (or CHEM 202 and 203); MATH 220 or 221, 231, 241 and 285; PHYS 211, 212, 213 and 214; EPSY 201; EPS 201 or 202 (ACP)

Social Science: History: HIST 141, 142, and 171 or 172; one additional history course (HIST 200 recommended); EPSY 201; EPS 201; PS 101; SOC 100; STAT 100; plus one course from ANTH 143, ECON 102, or ECON 103

5. Additional Requirements:

Applicants must not have earned a bachelor's degree by the term of entry. (Applicants who have a baccalaureate degree may want to contact the appropriate graduate department about the possibility of pursuing teacher certification.)

- Junior standing (60 hours completed by term of entry).
- Satisfactory completion of Composition I
- Two years of one language other than English in high school or the second level course in college must be completed by desired term of entry—LAS requires four years in high school or fourth level in college for degree completion.
- Demonstration of high-level written communication (quality of writing, thoughtfulness about education, reflective thinking)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. All students enrolled in teacher preparation programs in Secondary Education will be assessed a one-time public school certification clinical experience fee to partially cover costs associated with early field and student teaching experiences. This non-refundable \$740.00 fee (subject to change with Board of Trustee approval) will be assessed in the first term of enrollment in the program. Accepting the offer of admission is an agreement on the student's part to pay this fee.
2. The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign requires field placement in school districts as part of various educational 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 check 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 including submission of your fingerprints. 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.