

Off-Campus Undergraduate Application Information for Admission to the College of Education

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications will be accepted September 1, 2009 – March 1, 2010 for fall 2010 admission.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

(Applicants must meet all admission criteria for consideration to teacher education curricula.)

Please be advised 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.

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 at the graduate level.)

All applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. 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. Applicants must take the Basic Skills test no later than the last exam administered in the **fall** semester preceding the application deadline of March 1, 2010).
2. Provide evidence of having 50 hours of formal experience working with children or youth comparable to the age-level of students served in the program for which application is made. For applicants to Special Education, experience must be with students who have disabilities. To provide evidence of experience, have a completed *Hours Verification Form*, education.illinois.edu/saao/forms.html, sent to the Student Academic Affairs Office, College of Education, University of Illinois, 1310 South Sixth Street, Room 120, Champaign, IL 61820.
3. Junior standing (60 hours completed by term of entry) for Elementary or Early Childhood Education.
4. Sophomore standing (30 hours completed by the term of entry) for Special Education and Pre-Teacher Education.
5. Transfer GPA of 3.10.
6. Demonstration of high-level written communication (quality of writing, thoughtfulness about education, reflective thinking).
7. Course pre-requisites for specific programs: The following University of Illinois courses have been identified by the respective departments as prerequisites for entry into the teaching options of their majors.

Please note the following courses are University of Illinois courses. To see if the institution you are transferring from has courses that directly articulate, go to www.transfer.org. It is strongly recommended that students considering application to the College of Education consult with a College academic adviser to plan an appropriate plan of study as soon as possible prior to entry.

All Programs

Satisfactory completion of Composition I

Three 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

Elementary or Early Childhood Education (subject to change)

PSYC 100, one of the following: HIST 170, 171, 172 or 173; 3 hours of literature; EPS 201; EPSY 236 or PSYC 216; Credit in Math 012 or 016 or a course beyond the level of college algebra. (Credit in college algebra or a course beyond that level must be earned at the time of application.)

Special Education

Applicants must have fulfilled a majority of the general education requirements prior to beginning the professional course sequence. (Contact the Pre-Teacher Education Advisor for additional information at 217-333-2800.) Applicant's 50 hours of formal experience must be with students who have disabilities.

AFTER ADMISSION

1. Students enrolled in teacher preparation programs in Early Childhood, Elementary, and Special 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 \$676.00 fee (subject to change with Board of Trustee approval) will be assessed in the first term of your enrollment in the program. Accepting the offer of admission is an agreement on your 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.