Options for the Director of Special Education

There are several options to obtain the endorsement, they are outlined a PowerPoint presentation from the State [http://www.isbe.net/licensure/ppt/lic-officer-trng-fall13-webinar5-100113.pdf](http://www.isbe.net/licensure/ppt/lic-officer-trng-fall13-webinar5-100113.pdf).

Option A for individuals who do not have an Approval for Administrator of Special Education and do not have a valid Illinois license already endorsed in an administrative field.

- Hold a Master’s degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution.
- Professional Education License document 2 years will-time special education teaching or serving as a school social worker, school psychologist, or speech language pathology on a valid license.
- Complete an approved Illinois program for Director of Special Education
- Successful completion of the [Illinois State Certification Testing System](http://www.isbe.net/) Test of Basic Skills, starting Sept 11, 2010 #300 or the [Test of Academic Proficiency](http://www.isbe.net/) #400* (starting Feb 1, 2012).
- Pass the Director of Special Education content-area test (180)

Option B for individuals who held an Approval for Administrator of Special Education (these approvals expired in 2005).

- Hold a valid administrative endorsement
- Hold a Master’s degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution.
- Professional Education License document 2 years will-time special education teaching or serving as a school social worker, school psychologist, or speech language pathology on a valid license.
- Complete an approved Illinois program for Director of Special Education
- Successful completion of the [Illinois State Certification Testing System](http://www.isbe.net/) Test of Basic Skills, starting Sept 11, 2010 #300 or the [Test of Academic Proficiency](http://www.isbe.net/) #400* (starting Feb 1, 2012).
- Pass the Director of Special Education content-area test (180)

Option C to make an application to add the DSE to a valid Illinois license already endorsed in an administrative field

- Hold a Master’s degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution.
- Professional Education License document 2 years will-time special education teaching or serving as a school social worker, school psychologist, or speech language pathology on a valid license.
- Successful completion of the [Illinois State Certification Testing System](http://www.isbe.net/) Test of Basic Skills, starting Sept 11, 2010 #300 or the [Test of Academic Proficiency](http://www.isbe.net/) #400* (starting Feb 1, 2012).
- Pass the Director of Special Education content-area test (180)
- Complete 30 semester hours in the following areas and must include:
  - Special Education Law (LEEA 726)
  - Special Education Finance (LEEA 721)
  - Supervision of Programs for Children with Disabilities (LEEA 577)
  - Cross-categorical Special Education methods (by transcript eval or SESE 512, 513, 514, 561 and 563)
- The remainder of the 30 hours of course work may be completed using the courses listed below,
  - Curricular adaptations/modification and assistive technology (by transcript eval or SESE 561)
  - Facilitation of Least Restrictive Environment for all Students (by transcript eval or SESE 554)
  - Characteristics of students with disabilities (by transcript eval or SESE 540)
  - Collaboration with parents and school personnel (by transcript eval or SESE 765)
  - Transition services for students with disabilities (by transcript eval or SESE 559)
  - Educational and psychological diagnosis and remedial techniques (by transcript eval or ETR 524)

*The ACT+writing or SAT maybe substituted for the TAP exam.