

LICENSURE RESOURCES



UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF EDUCATOR LICENSURE AND PREPARATION

Illinois Licensure Requirements

For comprehensive information about State of Illinois licensure requirements, please visit the licensure website for the [Illinois State Board of Education](#) and/or your local Regional Office of Education.

Questions

Specific questions should be addressed to the advisor for the area in which you are interested.

General questions may be addressed to TeacherCertification@niu.edu at the [University Office of Educator Licensure and Preparation](#).



TEST OF ACADEMIC PROFICIENCY (TAP)

The Test of Academic Proficiency (formerly the Basic Skills Test) is a state-wide requirement for Admission to Teacher Education. There is a limit on the number of times that an individual can take the Test of Academic Proficiency. No individual will be allowed to take the Test of Academic Proficiency more than five times.

NIU offers a variety of [resources](#) that help prepares students to pass the TAP. These resources can be found through the [University Office of Educator Licensure and Preparation](#).



TAP Waiver

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) will accept composite ACT Plus Writing score of at least 22 or SAT score of 1030 in lieu of passing ILTS: Test of Academic Proficiency. The test score cannot be more than 10 years old. If you qualify, please see your academic advisor regarding procedure.



Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE)

The [ISBE](#) website has many resources you may find helpful.

Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Standards

Please familiarize yourself with the ISBE [standards](#).

