

ISBE Testing Requirement Prior to Admission To an Illinois Educator Preparation Program

Prior to admission to an Illinois Educator Preparation Program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, prospective candidates must take and pass an Illinois approved test of basic skills. Approved tests consist of the Illinois Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP), ACT, or SAT with approved scores. Previously passed Illinois Test of Basic Skills (096, 300, or 400) may be used to meet this requirement.

Test of Academic Proficiency:

Registration, a study guide, and test framework for the TAP can be found at www.il.nesinc.com. Test scores should be sent to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, code 052.

To use an ACT score, the following must be met:

- 1) ACT composite score must be at least 22; **and**
- 2) ACT combined English/Writing score must be at least 19 for tests prior to September 2015; or
- 3) ACT writing score must be at least 16 for tests taken September 2015 to September 8, 2016; or
- 4) ACT writing score must be at least 6 for tests taken September 9, 2016 or after.

To use an SAT score, the following must be met:

- 1) SAT combined score (critical reading and math) of at least 1030 and SAT writing score of at least 450 for tests taken **prior** to March 5, 2016.
- 2) SAT combined score (evidence-based reading and writing plus mathematics) of at least 1110 and a minimum score of 26 on writing and language test for tests taken **on or after** March 5, 2016.

Please note when using ACT or SAT scores, the appropriate scores must be from one test attempt. A combined score cannot be used with a writing score from a separate test attempt.

How to Submit ACT/SAT Scores to ISBE

Prospective candidates who wish to use their ACT/SAT scores must complete the following steps in the order presented below:

- 1) Log onto (or create an ELIS (Educator Licensure Information System) account if you don't already have one). To create an account go to <https://sec3.isbe.net/IWASNET/login.aspx> and click on the 'Sign Up Now' link on the left side menu.
- 2) **Request ACT/SAT** send an official score report to the Illinois State Board of Education, Division of Teacher and Leader Effectiveness, 100 North First Street, S-306, Springfield, IL 62777. If sending **ACT scores**, you must use college code **3001** to have the reports sent directly to ISBE. If sending **SAT** use code **6773**.*

***IMPORTANT: ISBE will only hold your scores for 30 days; therefore, it is imperative that you create an ELIS account prior to requesting your scores from ACT/SAT. Before you can be fully admitted to a licensure program the Council on Teacher Education must be able to verify, in the ELIS system, that you have either passed the Test of Academic Proficiency or that the ISBE has accepted your ACT/SAT scores.**

Out of State applicants who have taken and passed a basic skills test leading to licensure in another state should complete one of the two following forms. Please choose the form that best fits your circumstances.

ISBE Form 80-03 <http://isbe.net/licensure/pdf/80-03-oos-basic-skills-verification-isbe.pdf>

ISBE Form 80-02 <http://isbe.net/licensure/pdf/80-02-standards-verification.pdf>