



University of Illinois Agricultural Education Program

Teacher Education Program Requirements
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TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM – REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLLMENT:

- Successfully pass one of the following exams:
 - Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP)
 - Scores cannot be more than 10 years old at the time of applying to the program OR receiving teaching license
 - Basic Skills Certification Test
 - Scores cannot be more than 10 years old at the time of applying to the program OR receiving teaching license
 - American College Test (ACT)
 - ACT composite score must be at least 22;
 - ACT combined English/Writing score must be at least 19; Scores cannot be more than 10 years old at the time of applying to the program OR receiving teaching license
 - Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)
 - SAT combined score of at least 1030;
 - SAT writing score of at least 450;
 - Scores cannot be more than 10 years old at the time of applying to the program OR receiving teaching license

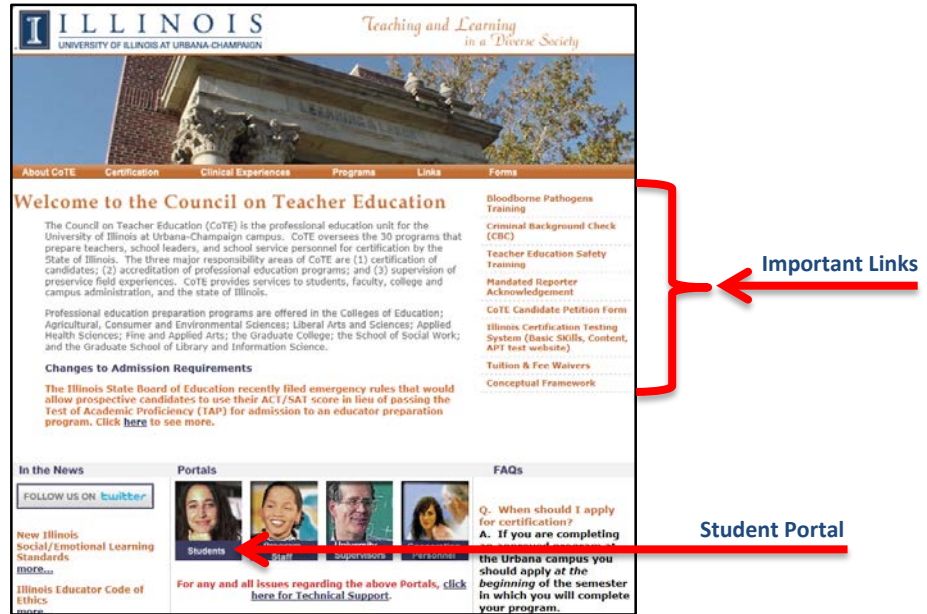
NOTE: Complete the verification process for ACT/SAT on CoTE website:

http://cote.illinois.edu/certification/documents/act_procedures_for_admission.pdf.

- Have and maintain a minimum 2.5 grade point average (GPA)
 - Must maintain 2.5 or higher GPA in the following areas:
 - UIUC
 - Cumulative
 - Professional Education
 - Technical Agriculture Subject Matter

COUNCIL ON TEACHER EDUCATION (CoTE) – www.cote.illinois.edu

- Most required documents accessed through your **Student Portal**
- Links for items that **MUST** be completed prior to observations and/or student teaching
 - Bloodborne Pathogens Training
 - Criminal Background Check
 - Teacher Education Safety Training
 - Mandated Reporter Acknowledgement



COURSE TIMELINE

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS		
Course	Year in Program	Requirements
AGED 250 & EDPR 203	Junior	50+ hours
AGED 350	Senior	50+ hours
EDPR 442	Senior	60 days (12-14 weeks)
AGED 450	Senior	Seminar

GRADUATE STUDENTS		
Course	Year in Program	Requirements
AGED 410 & EDPR 203	Year 1	50+ hours
AGED 510	Year 2	50+ hours
EDPR 442	Year 2	60 days (12-14 weeks)
AGED 450	Year 2	Seminar

EARLY FIELD EXPERIENCES AND STUDENT TEACHING – Junior Year

JUNIOR YEAR

Completed in **September**, PRIOR TO field experience for AGED 220:

- NAAE Membership** / Professional Liability Insurance –
https://www.naae.org/commerce/indiv_membership/index.cfm
 - Provides liability insurance during observation hours and student teaching
 - Checks payable to NAAE; fee of \$10 per year; checks should be given to Mr. Ochs
- Make plans to complete 2,000 hours of Agricultural Experience**
 - To be licensed to teach agriculture, you must have verification of 2,000 hours of ag experience in one or more of the following areas: Ag Business Management, Ag Mechanics and Technology, Horticulture, Ag Science, Natural Resources Conservation Management

NOTE: This may include volunteer or paid experiences starting your freshmen year in high school.

Completed in mid to late **October**, PRIOR TO enrollment in AGED 250/410 and observation hours:

- Successfully pass (or file paperwork) for **TAP, ACT, SAT, or Basic Skills test** – www.cote.illinois.edu
- Student Teacher Information Record** (application) – <http://aged.illinois.edu/resources/course>
- Student Teaching Placement Interview**

Completed **AFTER** the previously listed items – **November or December** of Junior year:

- Bloodborne Pathogens Training** – www.cote.illinois.edu
- Criminal Background Check** – www.cote.illinois.edu
- Teacher Education Safety Training** – www.cote.illinois.edu
- Register** for AGED 250 *and* EDPR 203
- Contact** your Early Field Experience I (AGED 250) cooperating teacher
 - Schedule times to visit **during Christmas break** and during the semester to conduct interviews, participate in FFA and/or CDE activities, proficiency awards, meetings, etc.
 - Obtain a calendar of events for the spring semester; plan to attend key events
 - Start observation hours **BEFORE** the start of the Spring semester at UIUC

Completed **December** of Junior year:

- Schedule a visit** with the recommended student teaching site and cooperating teacher
 - Discuss living arrangements, course content, FFA activities, and expectations
 - Receive final approval/confirmation of student teaching placement after interview

JUNIOR YEAR (continued from previous page)

Completed **December through April** of Junior year:

- Complete the guidebook** for Early Field Experience I / AGED 250
- Turn in the time sheet** for Early Field Experience I / AGED 250
- Evaluation forms (2)** should be completed by the cooperating teacher at the completion of the experience
 - *Ag Ed Program evaluation form located in the back of the guidebook*
 - *CoTE form located online through CoTE portal*
- Register** for AGED 350/510

Completed in **April** of Junior year:

- Contact** your Early Field Experience II (student teaching placement) teacher
 - *Schedule times to visit, participate in FFA/CDE/SAE activities*
 - *Plan to attend State FFA Convention, IAVAT Conference, and National FFA Convention*
 - *Obtain a calendar of events for the summer and fall; plan to attend key events*
 - *Complete observation hours during summer/fall semester*
- Schedule and successfully pass **Agriculture Content Test**

EARLY FIELD EXPERIENCES AND STUDENT TEACHING – Senior Year

SENIOR YEAR – Fall Semester

Completed **August** of Senior year:

- Student Teaching Agreement** – Student Portal at www.cote.illinois.edu
- Verify the Cooperating Teacher Agreement was signed** – Teacher Portal at www.cote.illinois.edu
 - NAAE Membership / Professional Liability Insurance** – www.naae.org/commerce/indiv_membership/index.cfm
 - Provides liability insurance during observation hours and student teaching
 - Checks payable to NAAE; fee of \$10 per year; pay online
- Mandated Reporter Acknowledgement** – www.cote.illinois.edu
 - Email certificate to garyochs@illinois.edu, cote-teachercertification@illinois.edu, & cooperating school

Completed **November** of Senior year:

- Physical Examination**
 - Ask administration at cooperating school district if this is required; can be completed at McKinley
- Criminal Background Check through Cooperating School District**
 - Ask administration at cooperating school district if this is required and what you need to do to meet this requirement for them.
- Blood Borne Pathogens testing** - Student Portal on www.cote.illinois.edu
- Verification of 2,000 hours of Agricultural Experience**
 - To be licensed to teach agriculture, you must have verification of 2,000 hours of ag experience in one or more of the following areas: Ag Business Management, Ag Mechanics and Technology, Horticulture, Ag Science, Natural Resources Conservation Management
NOTE: This may include volunteer or paid experiences starting your freshmen year in high school.
 - The completed template and verification letters must be uploaded to Compass.
- Complete the guidebook** for Early Field Experience II / AGED 350
- Submit hours on CoTE website** – Student Portal at www.cote.illinois.edu
- Remind cooperating teacher to submit rating chart** to Mr. Ochs
- Evaluation forms (2)** should be completed by the cooperating teacher at the completion of the experience
 - Ag Ed Program evaluation form located in the back of the guidebook
 - CoTE form located online through CoTE portal
- Register for EDPR 442**
- Register for AGED 450/451**
- Complete demographic information for edTPA**

SENIOR YEAR – Spring Semester

Completed **January or February** of the student teaching experience:

- Apply for Teacher Licensure**
 - *Student portal; link on left*
- Verify Endorsement Letter**
 - *Will receive an email from CoTE asking to verify your endorsement area*

Completed **January through April** of your Student Teaching Experience:

- Cooperating teacher to complete weekly evaluations of your teaching**

Mid-February

- Midterm Evaluations**
 - *Cooperating teacher completes a midterm evaluation on CoTE website using Danielson framework*
 - *You complete a midterm self-evaluation on CoTE website using Danielson framework*
- NOTE:** *Evaluations are found in appropriate CoTE portal.*

Last Week of Student Teaching Experience

- Final Evaluations**
 - *Cooperating teacher completes final evaluation on CoTE website using Danielson framework and a CoTE evaluation*
 - *You complete a final self-evaluation on CoTE website using Danielson framework and a CoTE evaluation*

NOTE: *Evaluations can be found in the appropriate CoTE portal.*

Completed end of **April**, PRIOR TO graduation:

- Submit edTPA materials for evaluation**

ADDITIONAL ENDORSEMENTS

Detailed and current endorsement information can be found on the CoTE website at:
www.cote.illinois.edu/certification/Endorsements.html

SCIENCE ENDORSEMENT (must choose a specific area designation)

This endorsement will allow you to teach all high school science subjects, but only your designated area for Honors and/or AP courses. To teach Honors and/or AP courses for additional science designation(s), you must complete at least 12 hours in the designated content-area, pass the designated content test and apply/receive subsequent science designated endorsement.

- Complete 32 credit hours in Science courses, with a minimum of 12 hours in one of the following designations:
 - *Biology*
 - *Chemistry*
 - *Earth and Space Science*
 - *Environmental Science*
 - *Physics*
- Complete one course in Biological (Life) Science
- Complete one course in Physical Science
- Complete one course in at least 2 other designations
- Pass the designated content-area exam for Science Endorsement

SOCIAL SCIENCE ENDORSEMENT

This endorsement will allow you to teach all high school social science subjects, but only your designated area for Honors and/or AP courses. To teach Honors and/or AP courses for additional social science designation(s), you must complete at least 12 hours in the designated content-area, pass the designated content test and apply/receive subsequent social science designated endorsement.

- Complete 32 credit hours in Social Science courses, with a minimum of 12 hours in one of the following designations:
 - *Economics*
 - *Geography*
 - *History*
 - *Political Science*
 - *Psychology*
 - *Sociology / Anthropology*
- Complete one course in at least 2 other Social Science designations
- Pass the designated content-area exam for Social Science Endorsement

MIDDLE SCHOOL ENDORSEMENT (until 2017)

In addition to meeting the content requirements for middle grades, you must complete the following middle grade professional education courses. See cote.illinois.edu/certification/middlegradeendorsements.html for content requirements.

- Complete the following 3 courses during the summer:
 - *CI 410 – Middle School Instruction*
 - *EPS 427 – Philosophy of Middle School*
 - *EPSY 430 – Early Adolescent Development*