To be eligible for candidacy, candidates must meet the following criteria:

1. Met all requirements for graduation in their home college.
2. Completed all early field experiences.
3. Passed all assessments including all licensure exams and the Illinois content area test.
4. Successfully completed student teaching.
5. Completed the Teacher Safety Education Module.
6. Completed and filed a licensure application and any related endorsement requests with the Council on Teacher Education.
7. Passed the edTPA.
8. Completed and submitted exit and tech surveys.

Illinois Licensure Test Requirements

Before the license is issued, the candidate must also pass a series of examinations required by ISBE. The TAP or a substitute test must be passed prior to applying for candidacy. The Illinois content area test must be passed before the candidate is allowed to student teach. Lastly, a teaching license is not issued until a student passes the final performance assessment, the edTPA.

ISBE occasionally changes the requirements for licensure. For current information, contact the academic advisor in the major field of study or the CTE.

Early Childhood and Special Education Programs

The College of Education also offers several graduate-level early childhood and special education programs. Students can earn an MEd
in Instructional Leadership with a concentration in Early Childhood/Early Childhood Special Education, an MEd in Special Education: LBSI, or an MEd in Special Education: LBSII (which includes options for Assistive Technology Specialist, Behavior Intervention Specialist, Bilingual Specialist, Curriculum Adaptation Specialist, Multiple Disabilities Specialist, and Transition Specialist). These programs prepare students to apply for the ISBE Special Education PEL, grades P-21. For more information about these options, please contact the College of Education Office of Student Services, 3145 ETMSW, (312) 996-4532.

Middle School Endorsement (program will change after Summer 2017)
Teacher candidates wishing to teach in the middle grades (6–8) should take additional course work, even though the Standard Secondary License states eligibility for teaching in grades 6–12. Please note that the State of Illinois is in the process of revising middle school endorsement requirements and additional course work may be required. Be advised that changes may occur without notice and will be effective immediately. Additional information about the middle school endorsement program beginning Fall 2017 may be obtained from the College of Education Office of Student Services, 3145 ETMSW, (312) 996-4532.

Literacy, Language, & Culture Concentration within Instructional Leadership MEd Programs
The College of Education offers a Literacy, Language, and Culture concentration within the Instructional Leadership MEd program, which provides students with high-quality advanced training in literacy education that enables them to understand and foster children’s and adolescents’ language and literacy development. Strand A (Classroom Literacy Instruction) prepares students to apply for the ISBE Reading Teacher endorsement. Strand B (Reading Specialist certification) prepares students to apply for the ISBE Reading Specialist endorsement, grades K–12. For more information about these options, please contact the College of Education Office of Student Services, 3145 ETMSW, (312) 996-4532.

Secondary Education Programs
The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) offers several graduate-level secondary teacher education programs. Through LAS, the student can study the Teaching of English, Teaching of History, Teaching of Mathematics, and Teaching of Spanish. The programs provide for the development of a major field of study with an emphasis on teaching.

Licenses in the teaching of biology, chemistry, physics, environmental science, or earth and space sciences is available through the College of Education in the MEd in Instructional Leadership: Science Education.

Since each program is slightly different, contact the secondary program coordinators to learn more about requirements and ISBE licensure options.

Student Support Personnel and Administrative Programs
School Nurse Certificate
The School Nurse Certificate program is designed for those who have already earned an RN license with a BSN degree. The certification program prepares students to apply for the ISBE PEL with School Nurse endorsement. For more information about the certification program, contact the College of Nursing at: sncert@uic.edu.

School Social Worker Endorsement & Post-MSW PEL
The Jane Addams College of Social Work offers School Social Work Concentration curriculum, preparing students to become school social workers. The Post-MSW School Social Worker endorsement program is for those who have already earned an MSW degree. Both the MSW and Post-MSW programs prepare students to apply for the ISBE PEL with School Social Worker endorsement. For more information about the program and application process, contact the Jane Addams College of Social Work, (312) 996-0033.

Urban Education Leadership (EdD with P–12 Principal Endorsement Option)
The College of Education offers the EdD program in Urban Education Leadership. The EdD program is designed to prepare and develop principals who are able to lead significantly improved teaching and learning in urban schools. This program prepares outstanding teachers and assistant principals seeking to transition to school leadership positions, as well as principals interested in enhancing their leadership skills. Students have the option of completing the EdD program with Superintendent endorsement, P–12 Principal endorsement or a Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS). Contact the Center for Urban Education Leadership at (312) 355-0546. For more information about the program, contact the Center for Urban Education Leadership, (312) 355-0546.