

**ILLINOIS
ALTERNATIVE AND RESIDENT TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS**

		Alternative Certification	Alternative Route to Teacher Certification	Resident Teacher Certification
Development		Accredited Institution with approved graduate level traditional program in program area	Accredited Institution with approved graduate level traditional program in program area	Accredited Institution with approved Masters degree teacher preparation program(s)
		Partnership with one or more not-for profit organization	Partnership is optional	Partnership with school district
		Limited to 270 new candidate per year		
	Length of Program	Shorter than traditional program	Shorter than traditional program	No longer than 3 summers and 2 academic years
Admission	Degree	Bachelors' Degree	Bachelor's Degree	Bachelor's Degree with 3.0 out of 4.0 GPA
	Work Experience	Five years	Five years	Five years
	No Work Experience	Waived for Chicago Public Schools		Complete one year internship teacher preparation program with a school district
	State Test	Illinois Test of Basic Skills	Illinois Test of Basic Skills	Illinois Test of Basic Skills
	Program Assessment	Determined by institution/partnership	Determined by institution	Determined by institution
Initial Instruction	Coursework	Phase I – intensive course of instruction including education theory, instructional methods, and practice teaching	Phase I – intensive course of instruction including education theory, instructional methods, and practice teaching	Six-week summer intensive teacher preparation course
	Assessment	Illinois Content-Area Test	Illinois Content-Area Test	Illinois Content-Area Test
		Program assessment	Program assessment	Program assessment
	Certification	Provisional Alternative teaching certificate	Provisional Alternative teaching certificate	Resident Teacher certificate
Internship	Length of time	One year full time	One year full time	Up to four years
	Payment	Salary and benefits	Salary and benefits	Salary and benefits
	Coursework	To meet applicable standards and deficiencies	To meet applicable standards and deficiencies	Teacher preparation coursework leading to a Masters degree in education.
	Mentor	Not required	Mentor to advise and assist	Certified teacher serves as mentor
	Assessment	Institution and partners	Institution and partner if applicable	Mentor, district administration, and institution
Program Completion	Assessment	Assessment of Professional Teaching – recommended	Assessment of Professional Teaching – recommended	Assessment of Professional Teaching – recommended
	Assessment	Institution and Partners	Institution, and partner if applicable	Institution and school district
	Certification	Initial Alternative Certificate	Initial Teaching Certificate	Initial Teaching Certificate
Certificate Renewal		Standard Certificate after 4 years of teaching	Standard Certificate after 4 years of teaching	Standard Certificate – credit given full period – four years