EdTPA Fact Sheet

What is the edTPA?

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The Teacher Performance Assessment is a performance and knowledge assessment for pre-service teachers that is designed to measure teacher candidate effectiveness in the classroom by focusing on student learning.

The edTPA consists of five key competencies: planning, assessment, instruction, reflection, and academic language. The process used is similar to the process used for National Board certification. The student teacher must upload a professional portfolio to Pearson's secure site. Specific items reflecting the competencies must be present in the portfolio including video recordings of the student teacher interacting with students in the classroom, lesson plans, student work samples, analysis of student learning, planning and assessment documentation, and reflective commentaries.

Is the edTPA required for subsequent endorsements?

No. The TPA is only required for initial teaching licensure in Illinois. If an individual already holds a PEL, the edTPA will not be required for subsequent endorsements. The edTPA is only required for licensure in teaching fields.

Who evaluates the edTPA?

Pearson, ISBE's testing partner, is responsible for the assessment of the edTPA. Pearson will train evaluators to review the assessments. Evaluators are comprised of university faculty and K-12 educators who are subject matter experts.

How long are scores valid?

Indefinitely.

Which edTPA aligns with each Illinois program?

For candidates completing an Illinois teacher preparation program: A corresponding edTPA Handbook alignment spreadsheet showing what assessment should be taken for specific Illinois programs is attached to this document. Any of the three elementary education assessments (Elementary Education, Elementary Literacy, or Elementary Mathematics) may be taken for elementary education. If an educator in a K-9 elementary program is completing student teaching in a middle school setting, one of the middle school assessments may be used instead.

For applicants who completed an out-of-state teacher preparation program: Any edTPA will be honored for Illinois licensure.

When is the Assessment of Professional Teaching test (APT) required vs. the edTPA?

The edTPA is required for any student completing an educator preparation program on or after September 1, 2015. Candidates who completed student teaching prior to August 31, 2015 may pass the APT or submit a passing edTPA score if the portfolio was officially scored.

If an individual completed the edTPA during the pilot testing period, can those pilot results be used for program completion and licensure requirements?

Yes, but only if the assessment was officially scored.

Must scores be posted in ELIS before they can be honored by an institution for program completion or licensure?

Yes. As with all other licensure tests, a passing edTPA score must be on file in the educator's ELIS account.

How can a candidate request scores from a previously-completed edTPA be sent to ISBE?

Results will be reported to any institution and/or state teacher licensure agency that the candidate indicated as a score recipient upon registration. A candidate may request that an additional official copy be sent to an additional state or institution by submitting a completed edTPA Score Profile Request Form. The fee for this service is $50 per recipient.

ISBE will not receive official score reports retroactively for candidates who participated in the assessment prior to Illinois being onboarded as an official score reporting state. (Illinois was first listed as an official score reporting state on 2/12/15 for in-state candidates and 3/24/15 for out-of-state program completers.)

Can institutions of higher education receive official score reports?

If your institution holds a membership at the Implementation level with Pearson, your institution can receive official score reports. Please note that licensure officers still must confirm that the passing score is listed in the educator's ELIS account prior to program completion and awarding licensure. If your institution needs to move from the Exploratory to the Implementation level, the Dean/head of the educator preparation unit may request the change by emailing edTPA@AACTE.org or follow steps through the edTPA.AACTE.org site. Once the Implementation Membership Agreement is signed and submitted, the program will be notified by a representative of AACTE to prepare the institution for "Onboarding."

Will all future scores for the edTPA taken as part of an Illinois preparation program automatically be sent to ISBE or will the educator need to select ISBE and their institution as recipients?

The assessment results are reported to the candidate and to any institution indicated as a score recipient when the candidate registered. If the Illinois candidate has selected an IL educator preparation program as the program of instruction, the score results will be reported directly to the ISBE as the state agency responsible for licensure.

If an individual received a passing score on the edTPA in another state, will that "passing" score be honored in Illinois?

Yes. If a candidate completed the edTPA as part of an educator preparation program in another state, and received a passing score in that state, Illinois will honor the score as "passing" in Illinois. If the other state has not established a threshold for passing, the individual will need to meet the cut score established in Illinois. The applicant should request to have an official score sent to Illinois (use edTPA

Score Profile Request Form) and complete ISBE form 80-01A: Out-of-State Applicant Verification of EdTPA.

How much does it cost to have scores from an edTPA taken out-of-state sent to Illinois?

This service is free if the educator selects Illinois as a recipient for scores at the time of registration. At a later time, a candidate may request that an additional official copy be sent to an additional state or institution by submitting a completed edTPA Score Profile Request Form. The fee for this service is $50 per recipient.

When does a whole edTPA need to be retaken as opposed to a single task?

Educators may elect to retake a single task or an entire edTPA. If the educator did poorly on one task and seeks to boost his/her overall score, he/she may wish to only retake only one task. Each task is not scored individually as "pass" or "fail"; rather, the combination of task scores is used to create the overall assessment score. The overall score is compared to the cut score set by the state to determine if the educator passed or failed the assessment.

How can an educator register for the edTPA?

Visit http://www.edtpa.com/. If you are completing an Illinois preparation program, work with your institution.

EdTPA Timelines for Candidates

Out-of-State Program Completers:

25.425 (a)(4)

-If student teaching was not completed by September 1, 2015, the edTPA must be taken. A passing score from an edTPA taken in another state will be honored in Illinois. The applicant should contact Pearson to have their scores transferred to ISBE. If the applicant has not passed the edTPA, he/she has four options:

> 1. Apply for the PEL and meet the requirements for the ELS-PEDU. Upon issuance of the ELS-PEDU, complete the edTPA while employed as a teacher in an Illinois school district.
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> 2. Enroll in the student teaching portion of an Illinois educator preparation program and complete the edTPA.
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> 3. Provide evidence with his or her application of having at least one year of full-time teaching experience and having achieved a "proficient" or higher rating, or the equivalent, on his or her most recent performance evaluation.
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> 4. Provide evidence of completing a comparable Teacher Performance Assessment.

To provide proof of teaching experience and a "proficient" rating on your most recent performance evaluation, complete *ISBE form 80-01: Out-of-State Applicant Request to Waive EdTPA*. Your school district must complete the bottom portion of the form and send it to ISBE along with documentation requested in the form. The form is available at https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Licensure-Forms.aspx.

If you have completed the edTPA as part of an educator preparation program in another state, please complete ISBE form 80-01A*: Out-of-State Applicant Verification of EdTPA.* Your higher education institution must complete the bottom portion of the form and send it to ISBE. In addition to completing this form, you must also contact edTPA to request an official score report be sent to the state of Illinois. If your state has not established a minimum passing score for the edTPA, you must meet Illinois' minimum score requirement.

To provide proof of a comparable Teacher Performance Assessment, have the College / university complete *ISBE form 80-02: State-Approved Program and Completion of Standards Verification.* This assessment must require candidates to submit a portfolio of materials demonstrating skills and knowledge essential for teaching. The form is available at https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Licensure-Forms.aspx

Visit https://www.isbe.net/Documents/edTPA-Guide.pdf for more information about the edTPA, including how to submit official scores to ISBE. Register for the edTPA at www.edtpa.com.

Illinois Traditional Program Completers:

25.720 (e)

-Beginning September 1, 2015, candidates must pass the edTPA during the student teaching portion of their Illinois preparation program. The edTPA should align with the individual's student teaching placement. The State requires passage of the edTPA prior to licensure, but institutions can choose to require its passage before awarding credit for student teaching.

-Illinois institutions were required to begin phasing in the edTPA no later than July 1, 2013.

Illinois Alternative Licensure Program Completers:

25.60 (c)(3)(B)

-Beginning September 1, 2015, the edTPA is required before candidate can participate in the second year of residency. (Exception: Candidates beginning their second year of residency in the 2015-16 school year must pass the edTPA during that year.)