

**CONTEXTUAL INFORMATION**

**Mission:**

Founded in 1867 as a state-supported, land-grant institution, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is a community of scholars who are committed to serving the state of Illinois and the nation through our research, teaching, and public service.

**Teacher Preparation Programs:**

Six colleges and two schools of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign offer 29 programs at the graduate and undergraduate levels leading to certification of teachers, educational leaders, and school service personnel.

**Student Characteristics:**

During the reporting year, of the 30,909 undergraduate students, 20.2 is the median college age; 25.9% are from underrepresented groups (6.6% African American, .3% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 12.6% Asian/Pacific Islander, and 6.4% Latino/a); 4.7% are international students; 47% are female; and 88% are Illinois residents. Eighty-six percent of the Fall, 2005 freshmen were in the top 25% of their graduating class, and the average ACT score for all entering freshmen was 27.9. Of the 633 students recommended for certification, 15.4% were from underrepresented groups (4.6% African American, 7.3 % Asian/Pacific Islander, and 3.5% Latino/a); and 76% were female.

**Admissions Requirements:**

Admission to Teacher Education Program: For most programs, undergraduate candidates are admitted at the beginning of their junior year. Candidates must have a minimum Urbana and cumulative GPA of 2.5 (A=4.0), or higher if required by the program. In addition, candidates must pass the ICTS test of Basic Skills and meet all other requirements as defined by the program. The majority of admitted undergraduate students have GPAs significantly above the minimum. Transfer candidates must meet the competitive requirements as defined by the program. Candidates enrolled in graduate level certification programs must meet all requirements of the Graduate College as well as the desired professional preparation program. Some graduate programs also require a passing score on the appropriate ICTS content test prior to admission.

Admission to Student Teaching: Students must have met all requirements of the appropriate common assessment plan (CAP). The CAP is available at <http://www.cote.uiuc.edu/cap>.

**Accreditation:**

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. All of the University's teacher preparation programs are approved by the State Teacher Certification Board/Illinois State Board of Education.

**Teacher Education Vision:**

- To prepare the very best teachers, educational leaders, and school service personnel who can knowledgeably and compassionately serve the needs of our increasingly diverse society.
- To develop innovative models for the preparation of educators which emphasize strong academic content, which includes knowledge of emerging technologies.
- To guide the development of inquiring and reflective minds.
- To prepare teachers to participate in research and translate current research findings into effective practice.
- To work together as a community to develop and sustain a vision of education that embraces diversity and is founded on the premises of social justice and a passion for helping all children to learn.
- To cultivate professional development through a commitment to life-long learning.
- To foster a commitment to service that is directed to the citizens of Illinois, as well as to other states and the nation.

**Best Practices:**

- Teacher education candidates have the opportunity to study with faculty who are internationally recognized scholars and practitioners.
- Teacher education candidates are prepared to serve students with special needs in general education settings.
- Teacher education candidates are prepared to assess the educational needs of students with diverse learning abilities, obtain necessary resources and support, adapt instruction, and effectively implement each individual educational program.
- Teacher education candidates are prepared to apply their understanding of culturally and linguistically diverse students to effectively plan for instruction and assessment.
- Teacher education candidates are prepared to use and implement current and emerging technologies as effective educational tools.
- Secondary teacher education candidates complete academic majors.
- Elementary education majors participate in a culminating professional year that integrates theory and practice through course work and three clinical placements.

**Notable Features and Accomplishments:**

- The University is ranked as the number 11 public university in America and the number 42 public university world-wide. (*US News and World Report*).
- The graduate program in the College of Education ranks 18<sup>th</sup> in the nation with several specialty areas in teacher education ranking in the top ten nationally. (*U.S. News and World Report*).
- The University houses the largest public university library in the world.
- The University is a world leader in supercomputing design and applications and is home to the National Center for Supercomputing Applications.
- The University has a long-term commitment to prepare excellent educators to teach in underserved school districts.
- The University houses the Illinois New Teacher Collaborative which is a consortium of universities, professional associations, regional offices of education, businesses, foundations and others to create a statewide network of support for new teachers and their mentors.
- The University of Illinois was the first major university to provide comprehensive access and programs for persons who are physically disabled, setting a standard for accessibility worldwide.

**Program Information for University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
2005-2006**

<b>S.1</b> Total number of students admitted into teacher preparation, all specializations, in academic year 2005-2006	<b>1321</b>
<b>S.2</b> Number of candidates in supervised student teaching in academic year 2005-2006	<b>488</b>
<b>S.3</b> Number of faculty members who supervised student teachers:	
➤ <b>S.3A</b> Full-time faculty in professional education	<b>5</b>
➤ <b>S.3B</b> Part-time faculty in professional education but full-time in the institution	<b>5</b>
➤ <b>S.3C</b> Part-time faculty in professional education, not otherwise employed by the institution	<b>85</b>
<b>S.4</b> Total faculty student teaching supervisors	<b>95</b>
<b>S.5</b> Student teacher/faculty ratio (Divide total given in S.2 by the number given in S.4)	<b>5:1</b>
<b>S.6A</b> The average number of student teaching hours per week	<b>36</b>
<b>S.6B</b> The total number of weeks of supervised student teaching required	<b>15</b>
<b>S.7</b> Average total number of hours required	<b>540</b>