

Illinois State Board of Education

Fact Sheet

Special Education General Curriculum Test

Background

The Special Education General Curriculum (SEGC) test evolved from the Corey H. settlement, which required ISBE to develop general curricular standards for special education teachers. The rules require that these be integrated into all special education approved programs. To determine whether candidates meet these standards, testing will be required of candidates for certain special education teacher certification.

These new special education curricular standards are set forth at 23 Illinois Administrative Code, Section 27.350 and can be viewed at <http://www.isbe.net/rules/archive/pdfs/27ark.pdf>.

Timeline

- On December 1, 2003, the special education curricular standards became effective.
- By July 1, 2005, the above standards were to be integrated into all special education programs.
- On June 24, 2006, the SEGC test will be administered for the first time.
- On October 1, 2006, the SEGC test will be required for certification. (The appropriate content-area test, such as LBSI, Speech-Language Pathologist: Teaching, etc., will continue to be required.)

Candidates REQUIRED to Take the Special Education General Curriculum (SEGC) Test

Any person seeking a special education certificate will be required to take the Special Education General Curriculum (SEGC) test as well as the content test in the endorsement area. These include the following:

- Teacher of Students Who are Blind or Visually Impaired;
- Teacher of Students Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing;
- Speech-Language Pathologist: Teaching;
- Learning Behavior Specialist I.

Candidates NOT REQUIRED to Take the SEGC Test:

- Early Childhood Special Education.
- Learning Behavior Specialist II.
- Speech-Language Pathologist on a school service personnel certificate.
- LBSI on an existing elementary, secondary, or special certificate earned by completing coursework for the LBSI approval and taking the LBSI test.

Reduction in Fees

For examinees who must meet the new requirements, test fees have been reduced. This reduction in fees became effective with the June 24, 2006, test administration.

- The test fees for the new Special Education General Curriculum Test (163) will be \$30.
- The test fee for each of the entry-level special education content-area tests (LBSI, 155; Deaf-Blind Specialist, etc.) has been reduced to \$30.

(Examinees will be able to take both tests within the same test session.)

More Information

Visit www.icts.nesinc.com to review the test framework, study guide, and registration information.

Visit <http://www.isbe.net/certification> to learn more about requirements for certification.