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EDUCATOR LICENSE RENEWALS

We have approximately 38,000 educators who have successfully renewed their license this year. Please be sure to continue to remind educators to renew their license before it lapses. Licenses not renewed by **Aug. 31, 2022**, will lapse on **Sept. 1**. Renewal resources can be found on our [website](#).

EDUCATOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

The Educator Effectiveness team is currently in its busiest season of the year. We appreciate your patience as we process applications in the order received. If you have questions about a specific evaluation, please reach out to your ISBE liaison.

EDUCATOR LICENSURE LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Answers to frequently asked questions regarding recent legislative updates related to licensure can be found in our [helpful guide](#) that provides a breakdown of each update.

ELIS DELAYS

Current traffic in the Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS) is exceeding normal daily averages. If educators experience delays in the system, please have them refresh or try again at a later time.

Illinois Institutions of Higher Education

ISBE RELEASES MICROCREDENTIALS FRAMEWORK

The Standards and Instruction Department at the Illinois State Board of Education has released the [ISBE-Approved Microcredential Framework](#) with instructions for submission of proposed microcredentials by ISBE-approved professional development providers for participation by Illinois educators.

Standards and Instruction staff developed the ISBE Microcredential Framework based on research and best practices from across the country and feedback from Illinois stakeholders.

Procedures and accompanying guidance to assist PD providers in submitting microcredentials for ISBE approval have also been developed in collaboration with the Educator Effectiveness Department.

Once microcredentials are approved by ISBE, they will be found in a new section of the Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS) for educators who complete them and will be viewable for both public and administrator searches.

For questions or comments, please reach out to the Standards and Instruction Department at ILTechTalkLearn@isbe.net or 217-782-4322.

UPCOMING SEPLB MEETING

The next State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board (SEPLB) meeting will be held on **Aug. 5**. All meeting details can be found on our [website](#).

2021 ILLINOIS EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROFILE

The [2021 Illinois Educator Preparation Profile](#) (IEPP) was released on June 13, 2022. There are no changes to the preliminary statuses that your institution reviewed during the month of March. The IEPP is available at [ISBE.net/IEPP](https://isbe.net/IEPP). Users can navigate between the 2020 and 2021 IEPP data using the toggle feature at the top of the page.

What's New This Year?

You may notice several key differences in this year's IEPP:

- Employment data for completers working in non-public schools and early learning settings is included in the Placement in Teaching indicator. ISBE partnered with the Illinois Department of Employment Security to obtain this information. This data allows a more holistic understanding of where program completers are beginning their career in education within Illinois.
- Full points were awarded to all programs for the Completer Survey indicator due to a connection issue between ELIS and ISBE's survey platform. This issue may have prevented some completers from taking the survey and may have allowed some completers to take the survey more than once.
- Full points were awarded to all programs for the General Teaching Skill indicator due to the edTPA being waived during the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation.

Highlights from the 2021 IEPP

Many programs improved performance in key areas:

- 33% of calculated overall performance indicators at the statewide level increased from the 2020 report to the 2021 report.
- 39% of programs increased their scores in the Candidate Race and Ethnicity indicator, which calculates what percentage of program candidates identify as a person of color.
- 16% of programs increased their scores in the Diverse Completers indicator, which calculates what percentage of candidates identify as a member of a diverse group, including racial/ethnic, socioeconomic, and first-generation status.
- 41% of programs earned higher scores in the Placement in Teaching indicator, which calculates what percentage of program completers obtain a full-time teaching position in an Illinois public school, nonpublic school, or early learning setting.

ISBE looks forward to continuing its partnership with Illinois institutions of higher education to continuously improve educator preparation in Illinois. Please reach out to your ISBE contact (Bess or Nikki) if you have any questions about the IEPP.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO

A new school year may mean change in IHE administration, faculty, staff, etc. Now is a great time to make updates to your institution contacts and/or IWAS administrator. To update your contact list in Annual Program Reporting (APR), refer to page 7 of the [APR User Guide](#). To add IWAS users or change the IWAS administrator, use the [IWAS access documentation](#).

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