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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Honorable Dan Mc Conchie, Senate Minority Leader  
The Honorable Don Harmon, Senate President  
The Honorable Jim Durkin, House Minority Leader  
The Honorable Chris Welch, Speaker of the House  
The Honorable JB Pritzker, Governor

**FROM:** Dr. Carmen I. Ayala   
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**DATE:** August 27, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Illinois Educator Preparation Tests and Pass Rates

Please find attached the Illinois educator preparation content tests and pass rates submitted in compliance with Illinois School Code, 105 ILCS 5/2-3.11d. This report lists all educator preparation providers in the state and the number of licensure content tests taken and passed by candidates at each institution from August 2020-August 2021. This report is a partial report (rather than three years of data) so the agency will be back on course for submission of the 3-year reports in 2024. A report covering August 2017-July 2020 was submitted September 2020.

Note that the Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP) exam is not included in this report; this test was eliminated as a licensure requirement in August 2019.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Amanda Elliott, executive director of Legislative Affairs, at (217) 782-6510.

**cc:** Secretary of the Senate  
Clerk of the House  
Legislative Research Unit  
State Government Report Center

Pursuant to Illinois Administrative Code, 105 ILCS 5/2-3.11d, the report below details Illinois Educator Preparation Providers and content test data. Specific content test data broken down by institution of higher education follows. Community colleges, in addition to Illinois approved educator preparation providers, are included in the data.

### **Illinois Approved Educator Preparation Providers**

The table below includes the 56 Illinois Institutions of Higher Education that are approved to prepare educators through teaching, school support, and administrative licensure programs.

Augustana College	Monmouth College
Aurora University	National Louis University
Benedictine University	New Leaders
Blackburn College	North Central College
Bradley University	North Park University
Chicago School of Professional Psychology	Northeastern Illinois University
Chicago State University	Northern Illinois University
Concordia University	Northwestern University
DePaul University	Olivet Nazarene University
Dominican University	Quincy University
Eastern Illinois University	Relay Graduate School of Education
Elmhurst College	Rockford University
Erikson Institute	Roosevelt University
Eureka College	School of the Art Institute Chicago
Governors State University	Southern Illinois University – Carbondale
Greenville University	Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville
Hebrew Theological College	St. Xavier University
Illinois College	Trinity Christian College
Illinois State University	Trinity International University
Illinois Wesleyan University	University of Chicago
Judson University	University of Illinois at Chicago
Kendall College	Illinois Institute of Technology
Knox College	University of Illinois at Springfield
Lake Forest College	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Lewis University	University of St. Francis
Loyola University Chicago	VanderCook College of Music
McKendree University	Western Illinois University
Millikin University	Wheaton College

Below is a summary of information that can be found in the attached Appendix: *Illinois Licensure Testing System-Examinee Performance on ALL Content Tests by Educator Preparation Program: Initial and Cumulative Program Year: August 2020-August 2021.*

**Illinois Certification Testing System (ICTS)  
Content Area Tests' Pass Rates Summary: First (Initial) Attempt & Best  
(Cumulative) Attempt  
August 2020– July 2021**

*Data Explanation*

- Data for this report include examinees who tested between August 2020 and July 2020.
- The data show the number of examinees who took any ILTS content test during the time period specified above; the number and percentage of individuals who passed on the first (initial) attempt during that time; and the number and percentage of examinees who passed on the best (cumulative attempts) during that time. The number of examinees is redacted if fewer than (10) per institution.
- Cumulative attempts are results for all examinees based on their best attempt, which may be their first, second, third, or later attempt to take the test during the three-year time period.

*Data Limitations*

- Score-report institution (that is, the institutions that examinees identified for their scores to be sent) data are used as a proxy for institution. However, some examinees may not have attended or were not currently attending, any institution they selected; additionally, examinees who later become candidates may not have selected the institutions that they ultimately attended.
- Examinees may not have taken college coursework at any institution they identified as a score report recipient.
- Since examinees may report test scores to up to three institutions, pass rates for up to three institutions may be affected by one examinee's scores whether the examinee attended that institution or not.
- The report includes data for only those colleges and universities that have Illinois-approved educator preparation programs.
- There are no restrictions as to who can take the tests.
- Institutions have no input as to who is tested or who identifies them as a score-report institution.
- Pass rates for this report may be different from the pass rate reports required under Title II of the Higher Education Act because of different methodology in the data gathering and institutional review process. (Students reported under Title II have already been admitted to an educator preparation program.)

August 2020-2021\*

Total Number of Subject Matter Tests Taken = 20,483

Total Number of Subject Matter Tests Passed = 17,649

\*TAP tests no longer available during the 2020-2021 program year

**Illinois Licensure Testing System (ILTS)**  
**Examinee Performance on All Content Tests by Educator Preparation Program: Initial and Cumulative**  
**Program Year: August 2020 - July 2021**

*Initial Attempt = Results for examinees on their first attempt on each test taken in the program year*

*Cumulative Attempts = Results for all examinees on their best attempt, which could be their first, second, third, or subsequent attempt on each test taken in the administration year*

*Total N = Number of examinees    N Pass = Number of examinees passing*

*% Pass = Percentage of examinees passing*

Educator Preparation Program	August 2020 - July 2021					
	First Attempt			Cumulative Attempts		
	N	N Pass	% Pass	N	N Pass	% Pass
Statewide	19,440	15,638	80%	20,523	17,666	86%
Augustana College	99	91	92%	101	95	94%
Aurora University	661	547	83%	710	629	89%
Benedictine University	55	37	67%	61	51	84%
Blackburn College	128	84	66%	130	99	76%
Bradley University	136	107	79%	143	124	87%
Chicago State University	182	106	58%	198	120	61%
Concordia University	780	677	87%	816	740	91%
DePaul University	554	428	77%	590	501	85%
Dominican University	221	181	82%	234	196	84%
Eastern Illinois University	522	447	86%	542	494	91%
Elmhurst University	242	183	76%	247	209	85%
Erikson Institute	21	19	90%	21	21	100%
Governors State University	301	222	74%	328	262	80%
Greenville College	96	71	74%	103	85	83%
Hebrew Theological College	2	2	100%	3	2	67%
Illinois College	39	33	85%	44	39	89%
Illinois State University	1,804	1,406	78%	1,892	1,633	86%
Illinois Wesleyan University	37	32	86%	39	36	92%
Judson University	46	37	80%	48	43	90%
Knox College	49	39	80%	51	43	84%
Lake Forest College	65	56	86%	70	60	86%
Lewis University	460	358	78%	477	415	87%
Lindenwood University	11	9	82%	11	10	91%
Loyola University Chicago	292	262	90%	299	280	94%
McKendree University	202	159	79%	212	181	85%
Millikin University	89	67	75%	96	78	81%
Monmouth College	18	15	83%	21	18	86%

<b>National-Louis University</b>	1,814	1,336	74%	1,906	1,587	83%
<b>New Leaders</b>	121	65	54%	135	90	67%
<b>North Central College</b>	151	136	90%	152	145	95%
<b>North Park University</b>	231	163	71%	251	197	78%
<b>Northeastern Illinois University</b>	741	588	79%	804	698	87%
<b>Northern Illinois University</b>	791	644	81%	852	751	88%
<b>Northwestern University</b>	150	139	93%	151	141	93%
<b>Olivet Nazarene University</b>	252	214	85%	259	237	92%
<b>Quincy University</b>	48	38	79%	53	48	91%
<b>Relay Graduate School of Education</b>	439	325	74%	455	380	84%
<b>Rockford University</b>	117	92	79%	121	104	86%
<b>Roosevelt University</b>	299	225	75%	303	246	81%
<b>Saint Xavier University</b>	356	254	71%	375	297	79%
<b>School of the Art Institute of Chicago</b>	35	30	86%	36	33	92%
<b>Southern Illinois U. at Carbondale</b>	304	229	75%	314	263	84%
<b>Southern Illinois U. at Edwardsville</b>	371	314	85%	394	362	92%
<b>The Chicago School of Prof. Psychology</b>	30	25	83%	34	33	97%
<b>The University of Chicago</b>	140	124	89%	143	130	91%
<b>Trinity Christian College</b>	180	128	71%	208	154	74%
<b>Trinity International University</b>	15	13	87%	17	16	94%
<b>U. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</b>	596	530	89%	607	572	94%
<b>University of Illinois at Chicago</b>	679	518	76%	727	602	83%
<b>University of Illinois at Springfield</b>	100	89	89%	106	95	90%
<b>University of Saint Francis</b>	283	248	88%	296	266	90%
<b>VanderCook College of Music</b>	15	11	73%	15	12	80%
<b>Western Illinois University</b>	401	341	85%	420	380	90%
<b>Wheaton College</b>	112	110	98%	112	112	100%