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What an amazing time of year this is for teacher preparation programs around the state! We embark on the trek of this new academic year with renewed hope and high expectations for our teaching program candidates, those entering their student teaching experiences, and spring completers just entering the workforce. We hope that your summer breaks helped to revitalize you and made you ready for what is to come in this semester. Please know that all of us here at ISBE are ready, able, and willing to walk with you every stop of the way of this long journey. Best of luck and much appreciation to all of you who do so much for education in Illinois!

Jason

Licensure Officer Support

Teacher and Principal Evaluator Training

A Performance Evaluation Advisory Council work group is developing new training to be used for principal evaluation, but two of the following three administrator academies still can be completed to fulfill initial training requirements: AA 1865 AND either AA3001 or AA3002.

Use the information and timelines [here](#) to determine if an individual is qualified to conduct teacher or principal performance evaluations.

Dual Credit Endorsements

Dual credit endorsements are coming! ISBE has been working with the Illinois Community College Board and the Illinois Board of Higher Education to develop nine dual credit endorsements that can be added to a Professional

Educator License (PEL) beginning this fall. The endorsements were created per Public Act 100-1049, which is incorporated into the [Dual Credit Quality Act: 110 ILCS 27/20 \(A\)](#). Endorsements will not be required to teach dual credit courses, but will be used by PEL holders who wish to demonstrate their qualifications to employers and the public.

Form 73-44

This form, used for school support personnel intern verification, has been modified and is back on our website. It is to be used for individuals who are not part of an Illinois preparation program who need to accumulate experience for the school counselor or speech language pathologist endorsement. You can access the form [here](#).

Entitlement

Remember to enter preparation candidates into **Pre-Completion** status upon enrollment to your institution. The sooner candidates are entered, the less likely they will apply in error! Visit the licensure officer training [website](#) to view a video and guide on “How to Enter an Entitlement.”

IWAS Access

A new school year brings changes in faculty and staff. Use this [guide](#) to help new staff obtain an IWAS account or to change IWAS administration rights at your institution. Contact the ISBE Help Desk at (217) 558-3600 or email helpdesk@isbe.net to get assistance in setting up an IWAS account.

2019 LICENSURE OFFICER TRAINING

The fall 2019 licensure officer trainings are open for registration! Per Illinois Administrative Code 105 ILCS 5/21B-100, all licensure officers must attend training annually. The preparation staff will once again hit the road to conduct trainings throughout the state.

2019 Training Schedule

October 1	University of Illinois- Springfield	9 a.m. - Noon
October 8	Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville	9 a.m. - Noon
October 8	Northern Illinois University- DeKalb	9 a.m. - Noon
October 16	ISBE Office- Chicago	Noon – 3 p.m.
October 17	ISBE Office- Chicago	9am - 12pm

Register for a session [here](#)!



ISBE preparation staff is offering on-site 1-on-1 training with licensure officers at institutions recently affected by staff turnover. Contact your ISBE liaison for details!

Testing

Basic Skills

Governor JB Pritzker signed legislation on Aug. 7 to address the basic skills requirement. [PA 101-0220](#) eliminates that requirement and takes effect immediately. Here is what you need to know about how this change impacts educator licensure and teacher candidates:

Candidates/Educators Impact at a Glance:

- Individuals currently enrolled in an Illinois educator preparation program
 - A test of basic skills is no longer required prior to student teaching or for licensure.
- Individuals who are currently seeking the Professional Educator License
 - A test of basic skills is no longer required for licensure.
- Individuals enrolling in alternative educator preparation programs
 - A test of basic skills is no longer required for admission into alternative educator preparation programs.
- Individuals who will be taking part in a school support internship
 - A test of basic skills is no longer required prior to internship.

Read the full [press release](#) from Aug. 8, 2019, and [Frequently Asked Questions](#) on the impact of PA 101-0220.

Content Test Development Update

Based on recommendations from the field, the Illinois State Board of Education worked with the Illinois Licensure Testing System to improve the process of content test redevelopment. View the notice [here](#), posted on our website on July 15, 2019, for details on the improvements.

Elementary Education Content Test

As communicated on July 15, 2019, in the [Content Test Development Notice](#), the Elementary Education (Grades 1-6) #197-200 non-compensatory test is being redesigned to a compensatory model. Refer below for important dates regarding this redesign.

- The Elementary Education (Grades 1-6) #197-200 non-compensatory tests will remain available as an option for candidates until January 2021.
- Candidates who failed one of the subtests of the Elementary Education (Grades 1-6) #197-200 non-compensatory tests may either retake the subtest in order to pass the entire exam OR take the new compensatory model test.
- Candidates may take either assessment between January 2020 and January 2021.

“Compensatory” exams are like most content exams currently -- one test. The one test must be passed in its entirety rather than having to pass each sub-area to pass the entire exam (non-compensatory). Therefore, test takers are able to “compensate” in one area to help pass the test overall.

Redesign of ELED 1-6 Test Projected Dates	
Test framework available on ILTS website	September 2019
Establish Passing Scores	December 2019
Registration Begins	December 2019
Practice Test Available	January 2020
First Operational Test Administration	January 2020
#197-200 (non-compensatory) retirement	January 2021

Partnership for Educator Preparation (PEP)

Annual Program Reporting (APR) System

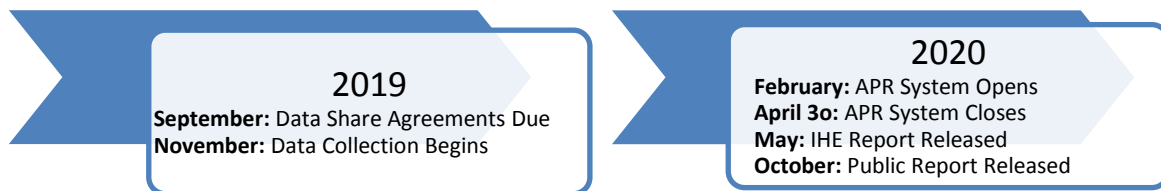
Remember to update contact name(s) and information in the APR system for any new or former institution faculty and staff. All communications from ISBE are sent using APR. Contact information for deans, department heads, licensure officers, program reporting contacts, and others can be updated at any time. Access the [APR User Guide](#) for instructions on how to add, edit, and delete a contact in the APR system.

SAVE THE DATE: PEP Meeting

Topics: PEP work, Accountability, Continuous Improvement and TEACH IL
September 17, 2019, at ISU Alumni Center in Bloomington, IL
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Licensure Officers | Deans | PEP Contacts
REGISTER [HERE](#) (max 3 per IHE)

Annual Program Reporting: Full Implementation

The 2018-19 reporting concluded the two-year pilot period for data collection. The 2019-20 data collection now moves into full implementation of annual program reporting. The timeline remains similar as the pilot years.



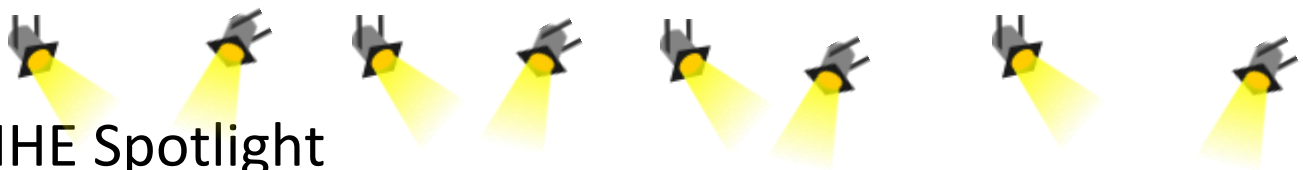
Legislation/Rules

Part 25/Part 1

Part 25 rules and Part 1 rules (related to short-term subs and sub recruiting firms) was reviewed and tabled by the State Board at its Aug. 14 meeting. Part 25 rules have been modified per public comment received. Tune in to the Board meeting in September to hear specifics! Board memos can be found [here](#).

Spring Session

The General Assembly adjourned the spring legislative session on June 2, 2019. A list of all bills that passed both chambers can be found [here](#). ISBE will notify the field regarding any bill related to licensure and preparation that the Governor acts on.



IHE Spotlight

Sharing stories of inspiring and innovative ideas in teacher preparation at Illinois colleges and universities

ISBE's Educator Preparation Team knows that there are innumerable ways for educator preparation programs around the state to develop programs, elevate the teaching profession, and celebrate candidates who are choosing this noble path. We want to hear about what's happening at your institution and share it with the rest of the field!

Perhaps you have a cutting-edge residency model or have restructured the way mentoring takes place with spectacular results. Your institution could be changing how graduate recognition ceremonies take place by hosting

them at student teaching sites or finding new practices in expanding the teacher pipeline with inventive new recruitment tools. These are just a few ideas of what we are looking for, but we know that there are so many more.

All submissions will be given full consideration for inclusion on ISBE’s website and may be showcased in the Superintendent’s Weekly Message. Be on the lookout for submission guidelines coming soon.

We are excited to hear about how your institution is changing the face of teacher preparation in Illinois!

ISBE Spotlight: We’re Hiring!

The Educator Effectiveness Department is looking for a new team member to assist with educator licensure and renewal-related projects and initiatives. This individual will also oversee division grants and contracts. [Apply here!](#)

NEW!! Teacher Qualification Tool is now LIVE!

A new interactive tool is now available on the ISBE website for educators to determine the qualifications needed to teach in a specific grade or content area. The tool is found under the Educator Licensure section: [Qualifications for Teaching Positions.](#)

ISBE OFFICE CLOSINGS

COLUMBUS DAY- OCTOBER 14, 2019
VETERANS DAY- NOVEMBER 11, 2019
THANKSGIVING DAY- NOVEMBER 28-29

2019/2020 SEPLB MEETINGS

October 4, 2019
December 6, 2019
February 7, 2020
April 3, 2020

2020 Calendar

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2019 STATE BOARD MEETINGS

September 17-18, 2019
October 16, 2019
November 22, 2019
December 18, 2019

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