Response to Questions from Webinar 4
Secondary Programs

- Why is the middle grade endorsement optional if the approved program was approved for 6-12? If this is a change, what is the basis for it?

- Middle school endorsements with specific requirements (including the middle school coursework) are an option when one completes a secondary program and is endorsed at the senior high school (9-12) level.

- There has been no change.

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When does an institution need to inform ISBE of updates/changes it has made to a previously approved program?

You should contact your Preparation liaison at ISBE before making any modifications you wish to make to your program. If the changes are deemed substantial, they will need to go before the SEPLB for approval.
Can we continue to send the program verification forms in via U.S. Post? If we must upload the form to ELIS, the IEIN is not included on this form. Can it be added?

Yes, you may continue to send the form through the mail. We will ask that the IEIN be added to the form, however, please verify the IEIN before uploading the document.
Adding an Endorsement to the Credentials Page

- If you add an endorsement on the credentials page after entitlement, it will cost the applicant another $50.00.

- Yes, after the individual has already applied for a license in “completed program (CP)” status, any other endorsements added will require a separate application. If additional endorsements are added from the Credentials page before the individual has applied for the “CP” license, all endorsements will be issued with the license application.
Upper Division Coursework

- My understanding is that upper division coursework means junior or senior level and that no course from a community college would meet this criteria. Can you confirm?

- One should rely on the legend on the back of the transcript to make such a determination.
Subsequent Endorsement “Source”

- What is the source for subsequent endorsements? When should it be TRAD versus UNIV?

- TRAD is for individuals completing an approved program. UNIV is for subsequent endorsements awarded by the institution.
ELIS and Required Tests

- Does ELIS check for the required tests?
- No. The Licensure Officer must verify that the candidate has passed all required tests.
I didn’t think reading methods and reading in the content area were part of the 32 semester hour major in the secondary content area—for example, mathematics.

These courses are not included in the 32 semester hours required for the major; rather these courses are general program requirements.
Early Childhood Special Education

- Can an individual apply directly to ISBE for the Early Childhood Special Education endorsement?

- No. There are 4 Illinois institutions with approved programs for the Early Childhood Special Education endorsement: Judson, Lewis, Loyola, and UIC. The Licensure Officer at each of these institutions may entitle candidates for this endorsement.

- Can any institution that offers the four courses for the Early Childhood Special Education approval entitle the candidate?

- Yes. The Licensure Officer may entitle a candidate to receive the Early Childhood Special Education Approval. This is one of the approvals included in the drop down box in ELIS.
Our P.E. students often already have their certification card from the American Red Cross. Must they still take a 3 semester hour course when pursuing an endorsement in Safety and Driver’s Ed? What if they have a 2 semester hour course that they want to transfer?

Yes. A 3 semester hour course in safety is required.

You can accept the 2 semester hour course; but the candidate must also take a 1 semester hour course in safety to total 3 semester hours.
Science Endorsements

- Is Science-Environmental the only science designation that does not require a biology course?

- That is correct.
With reference to the Science and Social Science 9-12 Senior High School Endorsements, after the 12 semester hour in the concentration (Biology or History) should the remaining 20 semester hours be in the other 2 sciences or social sciences?

The 20 remaining semester hours may be in the area of concentration and/or two other areas of science or social science. Certainly the candidate may take more than 12 semester hours in the area of concentration. Please also note that all of the Science endorsements except for Environmental Science require coursework in Biological Science.
If a student has a Social Science-History endorsement, she can add a Social Science-Geography endorsement with either a second major or 12 semester hours in Geography and the Social Science-Geography test?

That is correct.
English as a New Language (ENL)

- Has the respective target language proficiency test always been required for the ENL endorsement?

- Applicants may receive an ENL endorsement with no specific language designation, allowing them to teach in an ESL setting.

- Individuals who apply for an ENL endorsement with a language designation must:
  - Complete the required coursework
  - Pass the ENL test
  - Pass the applicable target language proficiency test

  This will allow the educator to teach in an ESL or bilingual setting.
ESL and Bilingual Methods

- ESL and Bilingual Methods must be separate courses rather than combined into one, correct?

- Yes, there must be two methods courses. Please see Illinois Administrative Rule 1.781.
Bilingual Approval and Bilingual Endorsement

- What is the difference between a bilingual approval and a bilingual endorsement?

- There was no difference between the two credentials, so all bilingual approvals were exchanged for a bilingual endorsements in ELIS. (This will be covered in Webinar 5).
Pre K-12 Endorsements

- Are Teacher Leader, Gifted Education Specialist and Reading Specialist endorsements issued at the Pre K-12 level even if the underlying endorsement was not Pre K-12. For example, the candidate holds an Elementary Education (Self-Contained) endorsement for K-9 and completes a program for Teacher Leader?

- The Teacher Leader endorsement would be added at the Pre K- Grade 12 grade range. The Elementary Education endorsement would remain at the K-9 level.
Is the APT 188 required to add a subsequent endorsement outside of the grade range of the underlying endorsement?

Yes, the APT 188 would be required unless the candidate had passed an APT that covered the grade range of the new endorsement.
What are the requirements for the Adaptive PE Approval?

The Adaptive PE Approval can only be issued by ISBE. The applicant must apply on ELIS and submit ISBE form 73-42 located at http://www.isbe.net/licensure/pdf/73-42_request_speced_other.pdf. The individual must hold a valid endorsement in PE to be eligible for this approval.