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ENTITLEMENT QUESTIONS

Encourage candidates who have completed an Illinois-approved Educator Preparation Program to reach out to their program regarding entitlement rather than directing them to apply for ISBE evaluation. Often candidates are still eligible for entitlement via their institution. If the program has changed or is no longer in existence, the IHE can complete an [80-09 form](#) for the candidate.

LICENSURE SUSPENSIONS AND REVOCATIONS

New licensure suspensions and revocations have been added to our [website](#) pursuant to action taken by the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board at its April 1 meeting. Please be sure to check for updates and to see if any educators in your region have had action taken on their licenses.

LICENSURE RENEWAL

The 2022 License Renewal season opened on April 1. All educators whose licenses are set to expire on June 30, 2022, may renew now. More than 10,000 educators have already renewed their licenses. Renewal resources can be found on our [website](#).

SPRING 2022 TOUCH POINT

Thank you to those of you who attended the Spring 2022 ROE/ISC Touch Point on March 28. The presentations and Q&A document will be shared with all attendees.

COURSEWORK PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

As a reminder, educators using coursework toward their professional development need to upload a transcript reflecting completion of the coursework in their ELIS account. While they are not acceptable for use towards credential evaluations, unofficial transcripts are acceptable for use towards verification of professional development.

NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION

The state subsidy window for [National Board Certification](#) closes on **May 10**. This subsidy pays for all fees related to the process. There is a \$75 nonrefundable registration fee. This is the only cost a teacher or school counselor will incur. Free support is available throughout the certification process, and support sessions are anticipated to begin in the fall of 2022. For more information, view this [15-minute presentation](#) and brief [video](#) from National Board Certified Teachers.

Educators with National Board Certification can locate their certification information on their Additional Credentials page of their ELIS account. Their certification will be listed under the Designations section of the page. If the certification is still valid and reflected as a designation in their ELIS account, educators are eligible for a 60-hour professional development reduction. Educators will need to add their certification manually as a professional development activity in their ELIS account. More information can be found on our [website](#) under the Educators with National Board status drop-down menu.

TEACH PLUS FELLOWSHIPS

Teach Plus Illinois is offering four [different fellowships](#) for educators in the 2022-23 school year: the [Chicago Change Agent Fellowship](#), the [Teaching Policy Fellowship](#), the [Early Childhood Educator Policy Fellowship](#), and the [Affinity Group Facilitator Fellowship](#).

Teach Plus Illinois' programs are highly selective leadership opportunities for outstanding teachers looking to expand their influence without having to leave the classroom and offer selected teachers a generous stipend for their time and work.

For all programs, Teach Plus Illinois is seeking cohorts of excellent teachers who reflect the cultural, linguistic, and geographic diversity of our students. Additionally, applicants:

- Are teachers with at least two full years of teaching experience by August 2022
- Have a track record of success teaching students
- Are ready to dedicate time and passion to their fellowship

For more information, please contact Crystal Jameau at cjameau@teachplus.org.

Illinois Institutions of Higher Education

APR COLLECTION WINDOW CLOSES APRIL 30

The Annual Program Report (APR) collection window will close Saturday, **April 30**. Please ensure that you have certified your 2021 report year data by the closing date. If you have questions, you can consult the [APR User Guide](#) or reach out to your ISBE liaison. Liaisons will be available to answer your questions via email through 4 p.m. Friday, April 29.

DIRECTORY OF APPROVED PROGRAMS

The [Directory of Approved Programs](#) (DOAP) is being revamped and updated. This webpage will list information for all approved programs. Going forward, subsequent endorsements will not be listed on this page. To that end, please review your institution's page and confirm that the programs and contact information listed are correct. Please email changes to preparation@isbe.net using the subject line "Directory of Approved Program Changes" by Friday, **June 3**. We update the DOAP once per calendar year.

EPP MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

As a reminder, ISBE does not require a minimum GPA for entry into an educator preparation program. Institutions of higher education may set their own minimum entry requirements. ISBE does require that all coursework that is used toward licensure (including endorsements) be earned with a grade of "C-" or higher. This policy can be found in [Illinois Administrative Code Part 25: Educator Licensure](#). See Section 25.25: Requirement for the Professional Educator License.

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