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ROEs/ISCs

VISITING INTERNATIONAL TEACHERS PROGRAM

Your ROE may receive Form 73-03F from districts, as this form is a required component of the ELS-VIT application process. We ask for your cooperation in completing Part II – “To be completed by Regional Superintendent” and uploading the form to the educator’s ELIS account. The form should include all information in Part I and Part II before you sign it and upload it to the educator’s ELIS account. Your ROE is only responsible for ensuring that all of the information on the form has been included. Please visit our [website](#) to learn more about ISBE’s Visiting International Teachers Program. Thank you for your continued support!

UPDATED 80-02 FORM

We have recently updated our ISBE 80-02 form. Please be sure you are using our most up-to-date forms. All licensure forms can be found on our licensure forms [website](#).

ROE/ISC TOUCHPOINT

On Sept. 8, you should have received an invitation to our upcoming ROE/ISC TouchPoint in October. Please be sure to register for the applicable training(s) you wish to attend. In our first session, we will be partnering with our CTE Department to answer all of your CTE-related questions. If you have additional questions about the training, you may reach out to Morgan Lovelace at mlovelac@isbe.net.

EXPANDING GRADE RANGE ON EXISTING ENDORSEMENT

Educators can submit a new application in ELIS to expand their grade range on an existing endorsement. However, due to rule changes, educators must meet today’s current requirements. For example, an educator who holds LA 6-8 issued in 2009 can apply for the LA 5-8 endorsement, but he or she must meet today’s requirements of 18 semester hours of coursework and a passing score on the Middle Grades Language Arts content test.

ICTFL FALL CONFERENCE

The Illinois Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages offers a Fall Conference each October to serve Illinois’ many K-16 world language educators. This year’s Oct. 20-22 virtual conference, “A Brave New World: Reimagining Language Education,” with 11 professional development hours available. It offers convenient evening sessions on Wednesday and Thursday and a Friday daytime schedule. Sessions support teachers who are working to meet state initiatives, district curricular goals, and the differentiated needs of students while facing the challenges of teaching language in a pandemic. Topics include inclusivity and culturally responsive teaching, interactive Google and other tech tools, digital literacy, building student autonomy, portfolios, CI strategies, and benchmarking tools toward the Seal of Biliteracy. There is also a professional track for pre-service and practicing teachers that includes sessions on grants, SEL and mindfulness, leadership, and certification. To register or learn more, go to www.ictfl.org. ISBE’s Educator Effectiveness and Multilingual Departments will be collaborating to provide Session 47 on the Seal of Biliteracy and new bilingual and world language teacher credential options.

LINK NEWSLETTER

As a reminder, most licensure communications are being sent through our LINK newsletter. Please be sure you are monitoring your inbox for updates through this platform. You can view previous LINK communications on our [website](#).

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

If you need to update your licensure contact information on the www.isbe.net/contactlicensure webpage, please submit your updates in this [form](#). Requested updates are reviewed on a monthly basis.

Illinois Institutions of Higher Education

PROCEDURES FOR SEPLB PROGRAM REVIEW

With the launch of the Illinois Educator Preparation Profile (IEPP), ISBE will focus on outcome data to determine preparation program success and continued approval. There will be a few changes to the new program approval process in FY 2021. First, pursuant to revised Section 25.120(b) of the Illinois Administrative Code, SEPLB shall recommend program approval to the State Superintendent, rather than making the final decision regarding program approval or denial. ISBE has asked SEPLB to continue to identify any concerns with new program adherence to state law or rules when making its recommendation, but to also emphasize providing advice as collaborative colleagues to new programs to help them satisfactorily prepare new educators. ISBE staff will approve or deny the proposal based on adherence to state law and Illinois Administrative Code. SEPLB and ISBE will collaborate to review action plans of programs that receive unsatisfactory ratings on the IEPP and to review benchmark data of struggling programs to ensure they are on track to better performance.

Second, ISBE encourages new program proposal representatives to come to the SEPLB meeting prepared with specific questions for the licensure board. When your representatives present your new program, you will have the opportunity to seek input from SEPLB members, who consist of practicing teachers, administrators, and educator preparation program faculty and leadership. The agency wants to develop a norm where new programs can openly solicit advice and expertise from the SEPLB as collaborative colleagues and utilize this advice once the new program is implemented. Remember that program approval or denial will be based only on adherence to state law and rule, so you should not feel inhibited when seeking advice related to your new program. ISBE would like to see program staff and SEPLB engage in constructive conversations together with the goal of best preparing candidates to teach, serve, and lead our state's children.

PK-22 LICENSURE CREDENTIALS

Public Act 102-172, effective beginning July 28, allows students to now receive specified services through age 22 rather than age 21. This means that all of the PK-21 licensure credentials will now be PK-22. Educators who hold a PK-21 endorsement will have it changed to PK-22 automatically - no action is needed.

LICENSURE OFFICER TRAINING REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Fall 2021 Licensure Officer Training Registration is still OPEN! This training is NOT for ROE representatives, but for Illinois Institution of Higher Education licensure officers. The mandatory (per school code 105 ILCS 5/21B-100) annual training for all licensure officers will be held virtually in October. Licensure officers should register for one session, either Oct. 12, 13, or 14. [Register today](#). Spots are limited for each session.

GATEWAYS LEVEL 4

Effective July 28, 2021, a community college student who earns the Gateways Level 4 as part of an Associate of Applied Science in early childhood education is deemed eligible for transfer into an early childhood education baccalaureate program at a public university if the student meets all of the requirements of the AAS degree program. Full text can be found in [IL Administrative Code 110 ILCS 180/130-10](#).

NATIONAL STANDARDS ALIGNMENT

National Standards alignment for all special education (full approved) programs must be aligned by Oct. 1. Programs that are not aligned will not be able to enroll new candidates into the program until alignment is approved. Use the [National Standards Transition Guide](#) for additional guidance and resources.

CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE TEACHING AND LEADING STANDARDS

Join ISBE for a live webinar presentation on Culturally Responsive Teaching and Leading Standards alignment. ISBE will be providing step-by-step instructions and important resources to help institutions incorporate the standards into all teaching, school support, and administrative preparation programs in Illinois. The webinar will be held from 10-11 a.m. Oct. 20. For those unable to join live, the webinar will be recorded and available for viewing at a later time. [Register now!](#)

PROGRAM DISCONTINUATIONS

Reminder: IHEs must submit candidate data or confirmation of discontinuation to your ISBE liaison on or before Oct. 1. Contact your liaison with any questions.

PEL ENTITLEMENT

Reminder: As fall semester candidates begin preparation programs, don't forget to place them in pre-completion. A step-by-step process can be found in the [Entitlement Guide](#) on pg. 2.

EDTPA VIDEO SUBMISSIONS

Public Act 102-0301 (formerly known as SB 0808) was signed into law on Aug. 6. With regards to the teacher performance assessment (edTPA), this law states, "A candidate may not be required to submit test materials by video submission." Video submissions are still allowed and encouraged, but if a candidate wishes to submit an alternative to video evidence, options (and the process for submitting alternative options) are available on the Pearson edTPA [website](#).

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