

## MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION GATEWAYS TO LICENSURE

*ISBE requirements are subject to change at any time.*

### Gateway I (End of freshman year)

- At least 4 general education requirements complete
- Language other than English Requirement (LoTE) at the second level<sup>1</sup>
- 28 hours of credit
- Set up an Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS) account
- Select one or more areas of concentration for an endorsement in one or more subject areas
- Maintain a C or better in ALL content and professional education coursework AND satisfactory completion of field experiences. See an Education adviser for a list of applicable courses
- Minimum Illinois GPA (Institutional and Overall) of 2.5
- Minimum Content and Professional Education GPA of 2.5

### Gateway II (End of summer term of sophomore year)

- All but 4 of the General Education requirements/Concentration courses left to complete
- Language other than English Requirement at the third level<sup>2</sup>
- Criminal Background Check (CBC)<sup>3</sup>
- Blood Borne Pathogens training complete (BBP)
- Safety training
- Mandated reporter training
- Maintain a C or better in ALL content and professional education coursework AND satisfactory completion of field experiences. See an Education adviser for a list of applicable courses
- Minimum Illinois GPA (Institutional and Overall) of 2.5
- Minimum Content and Professional Education GPA of 2.5

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<sup>1</sup> The second level of a Language other Than English (LoTE) requirement can be satisfied by successfully completing a second semester college level course in a language other than English or second year in high school. Proficiency exams can also satisfy the requirement.

<sup>2</sup> The third level of a Language other Than English (LoTE) requirement can be satisfied by successfully completing a third semester college level course in a language other than English or a third year in high school. Proficiency exams can also satisfy the requirement. The third level is required for degree.

<sup>3</sup> For candidates in the field during fall semester, the CBC must be reported to COTE no earlier than July 1 and no later than the first placement day at the site. For candidates teaching in spring semester, the CBC must be submitted no earlier than November 1 and no later than the first placement day at the site. The school district for your student teaching placement will require another CBC prior to your placement. See COTE website for more information: <http://cote.illinois.edu/forms/documents/CBC.pdf>

## **Gateway III (End of fall term junior year)**

- Maintain a C or better in ALL content and professional education coursework AND satisfactory completion of field experiences. See an Education adviser for a list of applicable courses
- Minimum Illinois GPA (Institutional and Overall) of 2.5
- Minimum Content and Professional Education GPA of 2.5

## **Gateway IV (End of spring term junior year)**

- Recommendation for continuation by program
- Maintain a C or better in ALL content and professional education coursework AND satisfactory completion of field experiences. See an Education adviser for a list of applicable courses
- Minimum Illinois GPA (Institutional and Overall) of 2.5
- Minimum Content and Professional Education GPA of 2.5
- Concentration course work complete

## **Gateway V (Prior to student teaching)**

- Maintain a C or better in ALL content and professional education coursework AND satisfactory completion of field experiences. See an Education adviser for a list of applicable courses
- Pass ISBE Content test
- Recommendation for student teaching by program
- Minimum Illinois GPA (Institutional and Overall) of 2.5
- Minimum Content and Professional Education GPA of 2.5

## **FINAL Gateway (End of term senior year- after student teaching)**

- Maintain a C or better in ALL content and professional education coursework AND satisfactory completion of field experiences. See an Education adviser for a list of applicable courses
- Satisfactorily complete student teaching
- Satisfactorily complete degree requirements
- Successful completion of the Educational Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA)