SPECIAL EDUCATION GATEWAYS

For Students Graduating After September 2017

ISBE requirements are subject to change at any time.

Gateway 1 (End of spring term freshman year)
- Take and pass an IL test of basic skills. Approved tests consists of TAP, ACT or SAT with approved scores
- Composition 1 Requirement
- Language other than English Requirement (LoTE) at the second level
- 50 hours of experience with individuals with disabilities (via Hours Verification Form)
- Successful completion of semester professional education coursework with a C or above AND satisfactory completion of field experiences
- Set up an Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS) account and verify ISBE has record of the TAP, ACT, or SAT official score report
- Minimum Illinois GPA (Institutional and Overall) of 2.5
- Minimum Content and Professional Education GPA of 2.5

Gateway II (End of term fall sophomore year)
- Language other than English Requirement at the third level
- Criminal Background Check (CBC) completed Clinical Experience fee (EDPR 203) assigned and student responsible for fees associated with early field and clinical experiences
- ALL General Education requirements completed
- Completion of 47 hours (41 hours outside of the phases 0-4) plus 6 hours for KIN 262 and SHS 320 is required prior to starting Gateway III (phase 0) of the professional education sequence.
- Successful completion of semester professional education coursework with a C or above AND satisfactory completion of field experiences
- Minimum Illinois GPA (Institutional and Overall) of 2.5
- Minimum Content and Professional Education GPA of 2.5

Gateway III (End of term spring sophomore year) (Phase 0)
- Recommendation for continuation by program
- Successful completion of semester professional education coursework with a C or above AND satisfactory completion of field experiences
- Minimum Illinois GPA (Institutional and Overall) of 2.5
- Minimum Content and Professional Education GPA of 2.5

Gateway IV (prior to early field experiences)
- Blood Borne Pathogens training completed (BBP)

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1 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.
2 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.
3 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
• Safety training completed
• Mandated reporter training completed
• CPR training completed

Gateway V (End of fall term junior year) (phase 1)
• Recommendation for continuation by program
• Successful completion of semester professional education coursework with a C or above AND satisfactory completion of field experiences
• Successful completion of edTPA Phase 1 activities
• Minimum Illinois GPA (Institutional and Overall) of 2.5
• Minimum Content and Professional Education GPA of 2.5

Gateway VI (End of spring term junior year) (phase 2)
• Recommendation for continuation by program
• Successful completion of semester professional education coursework with a C or above AND satisfactory completion of field experiences
• Successful completion of edTPA Phase 2 activities
• Minimum Illinois GPA (Institutional and Overall) of 2.5
• Minimum Content and Professional Education GPA of 2.5

Gateway VII (Prior to student teaching) (phase 3)
• Satisfactorily complete Early Field Experience (EFE)
• Recommend for student teaching by program
• Criminal Background Check completed for school district
• Successful completion of Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) licensure tests (Learning & Behavior Specialist I; Special Education General Curriculum)
• Successful completion of semester professional education coursework with a C or above AND satisfactory completion of field experiences
• Successful completion of edTPA Phase 3 activities
• 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)
• Successful completion of semester professional education coursework with a C or above AND satisfactory completion of field experiences
• Satisfactorily completion student teaching
• Satisfactorily completion degree requirements
• Successful completion of the Educational Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA)