

Initial Licensure Exam

UIC College of Education

Required for all students seeking Illinois state licensure or approvals.

For students in the program new to the profession of teaching and non-licensed teachers seeking the Illinois Early Childhood Special Education approval, you will need to show evidence that you have passed a basic skills exam within the first two semesters of your acceptance.

All Illinois applicants must present a passing score from one of the following exams:

- TAP Test (Test of Academic Proficiency), administered by Pearson.
- ACT Test (American College Testing), including a writing score
- SAT Test (Scholastic Aptitude Test), including a writing score

Minimum Score Requirements

- TAP: 240 in each subtest, including writing.
- ACT: 22 composite or higher, with a minimum 19 writing score for tests taken prior to September 1, 2015.
22 composite or higher, with a minimum 16 writing score for tests taken September 1, 2015 or later.
- SAT: 1030 composite or higher (critical reading and math), with a minimum 450 writing score for tests taken prior to March 5, 2016.
1110 composite score or higher (evidence-based reading and writing and mathematics), and a minimum score of 26 on writing and language for tests taken March 5, 2016 or later.
All scores must be from one test administration taken on the same date.

Directions for prospective students who have already met minimum ACT or SAT score requirements

1. Submit your test score report as part of your application to the program.
2. Submit your test score report to ISBE, following the directions at this link:
isbe.net/licensure/requirements/act-sat-testing-in-lieu-of-tap.pdf

Directions for prospective and current students who have not met minimum score requirements

This includes any students who have taken the SAT or ACT but did not complete the writing section at the time of taking the test. According to ISBE requirements, you must retake the entire test, including the writing session.

1. You must register for and complete the TAP, ACT or SAT with a minimum score met within your first two semesters. Register for the TAP at: <http://www.il.nesinc.com>. Practice tests are available at the site.
2. If you take the ACT or SAT, submit your test scores to ISBE following the directions at this link:
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About the Tests

	ACT	TAP	SAT
# of Questions	215	170	170
Writing Sections	1	1	1
Allotted time	3.5 hours	5 hours	3.75 hours
Cost	\$54.50	\$125	\$52.50
Test Sections	English, math, reading, science, writing (essay)	Reading, language arts, math, writing (essay)	Reading, math, writing (essay)
Paper/computer	Paper	Computer	Paper
Retake time	N/A	60 days	N/A
Results available	5-8 weeks	2-4 weeks	2-3 weeks
Pass rate %	Score better first time	30%	Score better second time
Pass one subtest at a time?	No	Yes	No
Minimum Passing Score	22 composite, 19 writing Prior to 9/1/15 22 composite, 16 writing 9/1/15 or later	240 in each subtest, including writing	1030 composite, 450 writing Prior to 3/5/16 1100 composite, 26 writing/lang. 3/5/16 or later
Testing dates	6 times per year September-June	Year-round	7 times per year October-June

Council on Teacher Education

The Council on Teacher Education is an excellent resource to guide you through the licensure process. Visit cte.uic.edu for more information.

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