

Current Catalog Requirements

Post-Baccalaureate Students

(Including those currently holding an Illinois Teaching Licensure wishing to add a subsequent teaching endorsement)

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Departments may require additional course work within their major to bring the student's background into compliance with the intent of this institution's state-approved licensure program. Departments may also require previous work to be repeated if it is outdated. Post-baccalaureate students are subject to all Admission to Teacher Education requirements (See previous section).

Individuals who enter the University as post-baccalaureate students must have completed an undergraduate degree program at an accredited institution of higher education and graduated with a cumulative GPA of at least **2.65** or higher on a 4.0 scale. A post-baccalaureate student's undergraduate GPA will be used for the purpose of selection.

If the student's undergraduate GPA in the area of the approved program he/she wishes to follow was below a **2.65** (on a four point scale), 12 semester hours must be taken in the major to establish a grade-point average in the major of at least **2.65** or better. (Higher GPAs may be required by some departments.)

All post-baccalaureate teacher licensure candidates completing a teacher licensure program must receive a grade of "C" or better in all courses, regardless where they are taken, used toward completion of the program. Furthermore, any course used for the purpose of adding endorsements to a teaching license must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.

Appeal Process for Selection GPA for Post-Baccalaureate Students

A post-baccalaureate student may use the graduate GPA for purposes of selection if the student has successfully completed a master's degree program. (The student has the responsibility of notifying the dean's office and furnishing evidence of the graduate GPA.)

Post-baccalaureate students may appeal the use of the undergraduate GPA to the Executive Officer of the Council on Teacher Education (the Dean of the College of Education) and request the use of an alternative GPA for purposes of the selection if the student:

Completed the baccalaureate degree five years ago or more and has evidence of 12 semester hours of post-baccalaureate course work relevant to teaching licensure at a 3.0 GPA level or above.

The student is encouraged to appeal early in the semester in which the 12 semester hours will be completed.

The appeals decisions of the Executive Officer of the Council on Teacher Education are final.

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Possible Catalog Requirements for Discussion

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