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Subsequent Teaching Endorsements

Per the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Educator Effectiveness Department:

Licensure Requirements Update

EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 4, 2019:

WORLD LANGUAGE ENDORSEMENT

Foreign language endorsements are now called world language endorsements. The language designations remain unchanged.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

This endorsement can now be added as a subsequent endorsement (if educator holds a PEL already endorsed in teaching) by passing the content test and completing 18 hours of coursework in the following areas:

1. Child growth and development
2. Planning and assessment
3. Methods and content pedagogy (any methods course)
4. Literacy methods
5. Collaborative relationships with family or communities

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

This endorsement can now be added as a subsequent endorsement (if educator holds a PEL already endorsed in teaching) by passing the content tests and completing 18 hours of coursework in the following areas:

1. Growth and development
2. Planning and assessment
3. Methods and content pedagogy (any methods course)
4. Literacy methods

MIDDLE GRADES 5-8

Middle grade endorsements can now be added as a subsequent endorsement by passing the content test and completing 18 semester hours of coursework in the content area and content-specific methods.

TEACHING ENDORSEMENTS ON THE PEL

1. All subsequent teaching endorsements except special education (LBSI, LBS II areas, DHH, BPS, ECS3), reading specialist and gifted specialist can be added by passing the content test and completing 18 semester hours of coursework. Please note that some endorsements require distribution areas.

For science/social science areas: 18 hours must be in a specific endorsement area.

Ex: Social science-history would require 18 semester hours of history coursework with the social science-history test.

2. Individuals who hold a PEL endorsed in a non-teaching area will have to complete a full or focused program to obtain a teaching endorsement.

3. Driver's education coursework has changed to six semester hours of electives from two areas, instead of 12 semester hours from four areas.

4. Subsequent teaching endorsements can be added at any grade level even if the underlying teaching endorsement on the PEL is a different grade range. The PEL serves as a foundation to which any teaching endorsement can be added after applicable coursework and testing are completed.

More details can be located on the [Subsequent Teaching Endorsements](#) page of ISBE's website. The Regional Office of Education (ROE) can provide the requirements for endorsements; however, only ISBE can indicate whether any previously completed coursework meets the requirements for a specific endorsement. The state will only complete evaluations if an individual applies for an endorsement. The state also does not provide the ROE with a list of specific qualifying content courses out of state or in IL. The only other information the ROE can provide about qualifying coursework is that courses for licensure must be completed at a regionally accredited institution and must meet the content area requirements for the requested endorsement. The aforementioned web page contains a section that breaks down [Acceptable Areas of Coursework for Endorsements](#). Testing information can be found on the [Illinois Licensure Testing System](#) (ILTS) website. If an educator applies, ISBE would conduct an evaluation on all transcripts on file. If an educator does not qualify for the endorsement at the time of application, the state issues a deficiency letter explaining what the educator still needs to obtain the endorsement. The evaluation will be valid for the remainder of the fiscal year in which the evaluation is originally completed plus two subsequent fiscal years. Individuals must submit official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended for the coursework from those colleges/universities to be applied toward the evaluation. Transcripts already on file do not need to be re-submitted. Educators can see the list of documents uploaded into their Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS) account by viewing the **Images** link. A paper transcript is considered official if it is still sealed in the envelope as prepared by the college Registrar. Paper transcripts can be sent to the ROE at the address listed on the website. ISBE will accept electronic transcripts from reputable sources such as E-script **IF** you request that the electronic transcript be e-mailed directly to Shannon O'Halloran at sohalloran@willcountyvillinois.com. The ROE **cannot** accept electronic transcripts that are copies of what an individual received from a service. Applications are completed online through ELIS:

- Go to www.isbe.net
- Click on **System Quick Links** at the top of the page
- Select **ELIS: Educator Licensure Information System**
- Click on **Login to your ELIS account** under the "Educator Access" option
- Enter with your Login Name and Password.
- If you have not created an ELIS account, click on **Sign Up Now** and create an account.
- Under the "What do you want to do?" heading on the home page of your ELIS account, you will find the **Apply for an Endorsement** option.
- Selecting that link will take you through a wizard that walks you step by step through the application process.
- At this time, it is \$50 per endorsement plus processing fee to apply.

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