

Checkpoints

As all candidates travel through the teacher education programs, a series of quality control checkpoints monitor the progress in their journeys. These checkpoints are designed to ensure they are moving toward excellence in teaching and learning.

Checkpoint 1: Admission to Teacher Education

- ☐ Completion of 60 credits with a minimum 2.7/4.00 cumulative grade point average (GPA)
- ☐ Completion of EN181 (University Writing) with a minimum grade of C-
- ☐ Successful completion of ED170 or ME251 with a minimum grade of C-
- ☐ Successful Criminal Background Check
- ☐ Departmental recommendation based on dispositions
- ☐ Vote of the Committee on Teacher Education Programs

ALL CANDIDATES MUST EARN A MINIMUM GRADE OF C- IN ALL IDENTIFIED CONTENT MAJOR COURSES AS WELL AS EDUCATION COURSES.

Checkpoint 2: Admission to Student Teaching

- ☐ 2.7 cumulative GPA (Exception: Math requires a 2.5 GPA)
- ☐ Admission to the School of Education
- ☐ Passing the Content Area Illinois Teacher Licensure Test/s prior to student teaching is **strongly recommended** (*must pass Content Test to become a licensed Illinois teacher*, but students may enter student teaching and graduate without record of a passing content test)
- ☐ Professional dispositions appropriate to successful classroom teaching

Checkpoint 3: Graduation Requirements

- ☐ Successful completion of the teacher education program, including student teaching
- ☐ Completion of Senior Seminar
- ☐ Completion of any other unfinished coursework & all degree requirements
- ☐ Successful completion of all Embedded Signature Assessments (ESAs)
- ☐ Professional dispositions appropriate to successful classroom teaching

Checkpoint 4: Teacher Licensure

- ☐ Completion of entitlement procedures (submit forms to the Licensure Officer, who then verifies that requirements are fulfilled for the Illinois State Board of Education)
- ☐ Completion of student teaching with a minimum grade of B-
- ☐ Passed content test required for licensure in appropriate area of study (e.g., ELED content test for an ELED major/teacher). Contact the SOE Licensure Officer if you have questions.