

College of Education Accreditation Information

Changes Since the Last Visit (1998)

The College of Education comprises the departments of Educational Leadership, Curriculum and Foundations (ELCF); Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER); Reading, Elementary Education and Library Science/Communications Media (REEL); Special Education, Early Childhood and Bilingual Education (SEB); and Technology and Education (T&ED). After one year of extensive discussions with faculty and staff, the College of Education was reorganized to form two brand new departments. Two programs, early childhood education and bilingual education, previously under the Department of Reading, Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education, Library Science/Communications Media and Bilingual Education (REEL-B), merged with the Department of Special Education to form the new department Special Education, Early Childhood and Bilingual Education (SEB). The original Department of Reading, Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education, Library Science/Communications Media and Bilingual Education (REEL-B) now exists as REEL, Reading, Elementary Education and Library Science/Communications Media.

As a result of the reorganization, each newly formed department, REEL and SEB is comprised of 17 faculty members who teach in their respective disciplines. Further, other resources, including budgetary were equitably distributed between departments. In addition to the five departments, the College houses offices, the Office of Teacher Certification and the Office of Field Placement (OFP), and three support Centers: Teachers' Writing Center (TWC), the Larry A. Harris Reading Center and the Center for Integrating Technology into Education (CITE). In addition to student academic support services, staffs in these offices assist faculty with developing and implementing instructional strategies for reading and writing intensive courses through the infusion of technology.

In 1998, the College of Education received continuous accreditation by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). All programs in the College of Education for which there is an authorized NCATE professional associated are accredited. The College of Education offers seven undergraduate teacher education programs leading to initial certification in early childhood education, elementary education, secondary education, and K-12 education; the College of Arts and Sciences offers nine secondary teaching options at the undergraduate level leading to initial certification in secondary education. Fall 2002, the undergraduate teacher education program in special education, mildly mentally handicapped (EMH) was eliminated.

Students earn the Bachelor of Science or the Bachelor of Science in Education degree in one of the teacher education programs in the College of Education, or the Bachelor of Arts or the Bachelor of Science degree in one of the secondary teaching options in the College of Arts and Sciences and qualify for state of Illinois teacher certification. All teacher preparation programs have received Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) approval for teacher certification.

The College eliminated two of three non-teaching undergraduate programs leading to the Bachelor of Science in Education degree. Both the Fashion Merchandising and Industrial Technology Programs in the Department of Technology and Education were phased out and later eliminated, summer 2003. The Recreation Program, in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, is the only remaining non-teaching undergraduate program in the College. In addition, the College offers 12 Master's Degree Programs in the following areas: Bilingual Education; Curriculum and Instruction; Early Childhood Education; Educational Leadership; Library Science and Communications Media; Technology and Education; Physical Education; Special Education; Reading; and three Masters in Arts in Teaching (MAT) in Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education and Secondary Education. The MAT programs respond to the increased interest of individuals who have a degree in a field other than education and who wish to earn an initial teaching certificate and a master's degree.

The College of Education has been accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) since 1954. Initial certification programs in the College that meet NCATE-approved guidelines of their specialty organization include: Bilingual and Elementary Education (Association for Childhood Education International – ACEI); Early Childhood Education (National Association for the Education of Young Children – NAEYC); Physical Education (National Association for Sport and Physical Education – NASPE); and Special Education (Council for Exceptional Children - CEC). Secondary programs in the College of Arts and Sciences meeting NCATE-approved guidelines are: Secondary Biology and Chemistry (National Science Teachers Association – NSTA); Secondary English (National Council of Teachers of English – NCTE); Secondary Geography and History (National Council for the Social Studies – NCSS); and Secondary Mathematics (National Council of Teachers of Mathematics – NCTM). All teacher education programs are approved for certification by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). Table 1, Certification, Degree Programs, Majors and Concentrations describes the currently offered programs in the Colleges of Education and Arts and Sciences.

Table 1
Certification Degree Programs, Majors and Concentrations

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS	<u>Program Name</u>	<u>Certificate</u>	<u>Certification Examinations</u>	<u>Degree</u>
Educational Leadership, Curriculum and Foundations (ELCF)	MAT Secondary Education	High School (Grades 6-12, Type 09)	Basic Skills, APT and Subject Area	M.A.T. in Secondary Education
	Gen Admin	Admin Type 75	Subject Area	M.A. in Educational Leadership and Administration
Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (HPER)	Physical Education	Special in PE (Grades K-12, Type 10)	Basic Skills , APT and Physical Education Content Area (Grades K-12)	B.S. Ed. in Physical Education M.S. in Physical Education
Reading, Elementary Education, Library Science/Communications Media (REEL)	Elementary	Elementary (Grades K-9, Type 03)	Basic Skills, APT and Elementary Education Content Area	B.S. Ed. in Elementary Education
	Elementary	Elementary (Grades K-9, Type 03)	Basic Skills, APT and Elementary Education Content Area	M.A.T. in Elementary Education
	Library Science Communi- cations /Media	Special in Media (Grades K-12, Type 10)	Basic Skills, APT and Media Content Area	M.S. in Library Science
Special Education, Early Childhood Education, Bilingual Elementary Education (SEB)	Bilingual Elementary Education	Elementary with Bilingual & ESL approvals (Grades K-9, Type 03); Transitional Type 29 Bilingual (Grades K-12)	Basic Skills, APT and Elementary Education Language Proficiency	B.S. Ed. in Bilingual Elementary Education
	Early Childhood Education	Early Childhood Education (Pre K - 3, Type 04)	Basic Skills, APT and Early Childhood Education Content Area	B.S. Ed. in Early Childhood Education

	Early Childhood Education	Early Childhood Education (Pre K - 3, Type 04)	Basic Skills, APT and Early Childhood Education Content Area	M.A.T. in Early Childhood Education
	Special Education Cross-Categorical Learning Behavior Specialist 1	Special LBS1 (Grades K - 12, Type 10)	Basic Skills, APT and LBS1	M.S. Ed. in Special Education
Technology and Education (T&ED)	Business, Marketing and Computer Education	High School (Grades 6-12, Type 09)	Basic Skills, APT and Business Marketing, and Management Content Area	B.S. Ed. in Business Education
	Technology Education Specialist	High School (Grades 6-12, Type 09)	Basic Skills, APT and Industrial Technology Education Content Area	B.S. in Business Education

Source: Student Handbook 2002-2003

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES DEPARTMENTS	<u>Program</u>	<u>Certificate</u>	<u>Certification Examinations</u>	<u>Degree</u>
Art and Design	Secondary Teaching Option in Art	High School (Grades 6-12, Type 09)	Basic Skills and Art Grades 6-12	B.A. in Art
Biological Science	Secondary Teaching Option in Biology	High School (Grades 6-12, Type 09)	Basic Skills and Biological Science	B.S. in Biological Science
Chemistry and Physics	Secondary Teaching Option in Chemistry	High School (Grades 6-12, Type 09)	Basic Skills and Chemistry	B.A. in Chemistry
English and Speech	Secondary Teaching Option in English	High School (Grades 6-12, Type 09)	Basic Skills and English	B.A. in English
Foreign Languages and Literatures	Secondary Teaching Option in Spanish	High School (Grades 6-12, Type 09)	Basic Skills and Spanish	B.A. in Spanish
Geography, Economics, and Anthropology	Secondary Teaching Concentration in Geography	High School (Grades 6-12, Type 09)	Basic Skills and Social Studies	B.A. in Geography
History, Philosophy, and Political Science	Secondary Teaching Option in History	High School (Grades 6-12, Type 09)	Basic Skills and Social Studies	B.A. in History
Mathematics and Computer Science	Secondary Teaching Option in Mathematics	High School (Grades 6-12, Type 09)	Basic Skills and Mathematics	B.A. in Mathematics
Music	Secondary Teaching Option in Music	High School (Grades 6-12, Type 09)	Basic Skills and Music	B.A. in Music

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