

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
 Bachelor of Science Degree in Science Education
 TEACHERS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY
 (Grades K-9)

To be eligible for a State of Illinois Elementary Teaching Certificate, a student must complete the following requirements. Composition/Writing must be completed with a grade of “C” or better. All other Core Requirements must be completed with a grade of “C-“ or better.

I. UNIVERSITY CORE REQUIREMENTS **44 HRS**
 (Including State Requirements)

College Writing Seminar 3 hrs
 A. College Writing Seminar (UCWR 110) 3 hrs

Artistic Knowledge or Experience 3 hrs
 B. Artistic Knowledge or Experience Elective 3 hrs

Historical Knowledge 6 hrs
 C. American History (HIST 201 or 202) 3 hrs
 D. American Education (ELPS 219) 3 hrs

Literary Knowledge or Experience 6 hrs
 E. Literature Elective 3 hrs
 F. Children’s or Adolescent Literature (CIEP 206 or 350) 3 hrs

Quantitative Literacy
 G. Mathematics *see professional education sequence*

Philosophical Knowledge 6 hrs
 H. Philosophy Elective 3 hrs
 I. Philosophy of Education (ELPS 302) 3 hrs

Scientific Literacy 6 hrs
 J. NTSC 103 – Life & Inquiry 3 hrs
 K. NTSC 105 – Physical Science: Motion 3 hrs

Social and Cultural Understanding 6 hrs
 M. American Government (PLSC 101) 3 hrs
 N. Issues in Identity Development and Cultural Pluralism (CPSY 342) 3 hrs

Theological and Religious Studies Knowledge 6 hrs
 O. Theology Electives 6 hrs

Health and/or Physical Development 2 hrs

II. ELECTIVES **21 HRS**

III. SCIENCE EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS **21 HRS**

NTSC 113, 114, or 117 Earth Science, Weather and Climatology, or Planets and Solar Systems 3 hrs
 NTSC 395 Math in Cahoots with Science 3 hrs
 NTSC 395 Nature of Science 3 hrs
 NTSC 395 Advanced Physics 3 hrs
 NTSC 395 Earth and Space Science 3 hrs
 NTSC 395 Environmental Science 3 hrs
 CIEP M86 Middle Grade Science Methods 3 hrs

IV. PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS		42 HRS
CIEP 229	Educational Psychology	3 hrs
CIEP 354	Classroom Management	3 hrs
CIEP 104	Math for Elementary Teachers I (Education Math Core)	3 hrs
<i>Education Methods Block I</i>		
CIEP 364	Classroom Assessment	2 hrs
CIEP M23	Introduction to Elementary Teaching and General Methods	3 hrs
CIEP M48	Art in the Elementary Classroom	1 hr
CIEP 339	Exceptional Child	3 hrs
CIEP 359	Reading For Elementary School Teachers	3 hrs
<i>Education Methods Block II</i>		
CIEP 105	Math for Elementary Teachers II (Education Math Core)	3 hrs
CIEP 362	Literacy Instruction in Content Areas	3 hrs
CIEP M83	Advanced Methods of Teaching Science	3 hrs
CIEP 351	Curriculum & Teaching in the Middle School	3 hrs
<i>Student Teaching</i>		
CIEP MU5	Student Teaching in Elementary Education	9 hrs

Each course in the professional education core has a fieldwork component.

NOTE:

1. A course grade of “C” or better is required for all education courses.
2. All persons seeking certification in Illinois must be U.S. citizens, permanent residents or must have a resident alien card (green card).
3. All persons employed by school districts in Illinois are subject to a required criminal background investigation.
4. A minimum cumulative G.P.A. of a 2.5, and a minimum education G.P.A. of a 2.8 is required for admission to the Teacher Education Program.
5. Students must be formally admitted to the School of Education Teacher Education Program before taking Education Methods Block I, II and Student Teaching. The application can be found at http://www.luc.edu/education/servicesandresources_forms.shtml
6. A course grade of "C-" or lower in the professional education courses must be repeated. Students are required to obtain a minimum G.P.A. of a 2.8 in each block (Education Methods Blocks I and II) with the lowest grade possible being a “C”.
7. Students are required to earn at least an overall G.P.A. of 2.5 and professional education G.P.A. of a 2.8 for graduation.

As a condition for certification in Elementary Education, the State of Illinois requires a passing grade in the Illinois Certification Testing System. It consists of three parts: 1) a basic skills test, 2) a competency test in elementary education and 3) an assessment of professional teaching. Registration materials and study guides are online at www.icts.nesinc.com. The tests are administered and scored by the state office. Passing the State Basic Skills Test is required for admission to Teacher Education Program. Passing the Elementary Content test is required for admission to student teaching.