

**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Council on Teacher Education**

**Common Assessment Plan for Undergraduate
Professional Education Programs Leading to Initial Certification**

Transition Point 1: Admission to an Undergraduate Professional Education Program

Requirements: All applicants must:

1. meet the admission requirements of the college and department offering the program;
2. have a minimum Urbana campus grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 (A=4.0)*;
3. have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5*;
4. pass the Illinois Certification Testing System (ICTS) test of Basic Skills.

Transition Point 2: Continuation in an Undergraduate Professional Education Program

Requirements: All candidates must:

1. maintain a minimum Urbana campus GPA of 2.5;
2. maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5;
3. maintain a minimum content area GPA of 2.5**;
4. maintain a minimum professional education GPA of 2.5**;
5. clear a criminal background check prior to participating in clinical experiences;
6. complete bloodborne pathogens training annually during clinical experiences;
7. satisfactorily complete all required early field experiences as documented by the *CoTE EFE Evaluation Form* and other program-defined, performance-based assessments;
8. be recommended for continuation in the program.

Transition Point 3: Admission to Student Teaching

Requirements: All candidates must:

1. have a minimum Urbana campus GPA of 2.5;
2. have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5;
3. have a minimum content area GPA of 2.5**;
4. have a minimum professional education GPA of 2.5**;
5. have completed at least 90 semester hours of credit;
6. have satisfactorily completed all required early field experiences (minimum 80 contact hours) as documented by the *CoTE EFE Evaluation Form* and other program-defined, performance-based assessments;
7. have passed the appropriate ICTS content test(s) if required by the program;
8. be recommended for a student teaching placement by the appropriate faculty area committee or designee.

*Does not apply to programs that admit freshmen. Transfer students must meet the competitive requirements of the program.

**GPA minimum may be higher based on the policy of the academic college housing the professional education program.

Transition Point 4: Recommendation for Certification

Requirements: All candidates must:

1. have a minimum Urbana campus GPA of 2.5;
2. have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5;
3. have a minimum content area GPA of 2.5**;
4. have a minimum professional education GPA of 2.5**;
5. have satisfactorily completed student teaching as documented by the *CoTE Common Student Teaching Evaluation Form* and other program-defined, performance-based assessments;
6. have satisfactorily completed the *CoTE Common Assessment Portfolio* requirement;
7. be recommended for certification by the appropriate clinical experiences program coordinator;
8. be awarded a bachelor's degree by the appropriate college;
9. be a U.S. citizen or legally present and authorized to work, of good character and in good health, and at least 19 years of age;
10. have passed the appropriate ICTS content test(s) if not required prior to student teaching;
11. have passed the ICTS Assessment of Professional Teaching test.

Transition Point 5: Follow-up of Program Completers

Data will be collected via the following:

1. Statewide follow-up surveys for first and third year teachers;
2. exit surveys of Urbana candidates;
3. other follow-up instruments administered by the unit and/or programs.

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