

**Illinois State University**  
**Teacher Education Transfer Advisory Board**  
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### **General Information**

- Illinois State University is down 5% in enrollment but transfer students are still being admitted and will continue to be admitted all summer
- Redbird Educator Sessions offered by ISU
  - Students can sign up on the Education website: <http://education.illinoisstate.edu/> (under College Events)
  - Session covers information about the programs available at ISU but also about education as a whole in the State of Illinois
  - Can meet with faculty and chairs
- Study Abroad opportunities are available to all Education majors
- ISU participates in an Urban Education Partnership where students can work with urban school districts like CPS, Decatur and Peoria

### **Special Education**

- The age range for Special Education will remain the same (K-21) for the Learning Behavior Specialist
- There may be a change in the clinical requirements but nothing has been decided yet
- No specific timeline for the changes as of yet but Illinois State Board of Education is moving forward
- Typically Special Education Teachers end up in Sped by either
  - Getting a traditional Special Education license
  - Getting a general teaching license (like Elem Ed or ECE or Secondary) and taking Special Education coursework (only 3-4 courses are required)
- Working on option for transfer students who are doing Elem Ed to be able to get Sped endorsement (right now the option is only available to freshman)
- State and national shortages in Special Education
- Shortages are the most severe in Low Vision/Blindness and in Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- ISU licenses in all three areas: Learning Behavior Specialist, Low Vision/Blindness and Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- Illinois Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver (SETTW) Program:
  - <http://www.isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financial-aid/scholarships/illinois-special-education-teacher-tuition-waiver-settw-program.html>
  - 40% of ISU Sped students are receiving this scholarship
  - Only requirement is to teach in Illinois for 2 years after graduation
- Student loan forgiveness may also be an option

- Scholarships for Education open March 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>

### **Low Vision/Blindness**

- Go to residential school (out of state) for their clinical experience
- Great option for students who enjoy 1 on 1 work
- Strong interest in technology as well as the medical aspect of the disability (take a class in anatomy of the eye)

### **Deaf/Hard of Hearing**

- Great option for students who love language
- Have good literacy skills
- Also like consultation, assessing and adapting materials

### **TAP/ACT/SAT**

- Students can take one semester of courses at ISU before they need to have the testing requirement met
- Students are still encouraged to complete this requirement prior to transferring to ISU
- Students can mix and match the ACT Composite and the ACT Writing from different test dates – different tests however cannot be mix and matched (cannot use ACT Composite with SAT Writing)