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**New Program Proposal Format – Elementary Education (Grades 1 - 6)**

The new program proposal format is to be used by institutions or not-for-profit entities submitting a new program proposal to the Illinois State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board (SEPLB) and the State Board of Education for approval. The proposal must meet the requirements of **23 Illinois Administrative Code, Part 25, Section 25.145, Approval of New Programs Within Recognized Institutions** <http://www.isbe.net/rules/archive/pdfs/25ark.pdf>

**Elementary Education programs** shall meet the requirements of **23 Illinois Administrative Code, Part 25, Section 25.97, Endorsement for Elementary Education (Grades 1 – 6);** **Part 20 Standards for Endorsements in Elementary Education;** and the standards in **Subpart B of the 23 Illinois Administrative Code, Part 26, Section 26.310, 26.340 – 470 Standards for Endorsements in Early Childhood Education and in Elementary Education**.

**Rule Update Notice:** There are rules that are currently being amended and all program proposals shall meet the requirements set forth in the new rules.

Standards related to the content area of the proposed program must also be addressed. It is also important to review **23 Illinois Administrative Code, Part 25, Section** **25.142 Assessment Requirements for Individual Programs** to make certain that the assessment information provided is comprehensive.

**Instructions:** Use this form for submission for a new program proposal. Please submit your program proposal electronically to your ISBE consultant: Emily Fox ([efox@isbe.net](mailto:efox@isbe.net)), Jennifer Gross ([jgross@isbe.net](mailto:jgross@isbe.net)), Stephanie Robinson ([strobins@isbe.net](mailto:strobins@isbe.net)). Also email a copy to Henri Fonville at [hfonvill@isbe.net](mailto:hfonvill@isbe.net).

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**Program Components**

Name of the Institution:

Name of the Education Unit:

Name of the Program:

Type of Program (i.e., traditional (face to face), blended (traditional and online), totally online, alternative route):

Level of the Program (Initial, Advanced, Alternative as defined by NCATE/CAEP):

Name of the type of endorsement (i.e., teaching, administrative or school support personnel per **23 Illinois Administrative Code, Part 25, Section 25.25**) and the field of specialization, if applicable; grade range and the degree to be granted:

Education level of candidates to be enrolled (i.e., Undergraduate, Graduate, Post Baccalaureate):

Projected Size of initial cohort:

**Conceptual Framework**

Per **23 Illinois Administrative Code, Part 25, Section 25.145(a)(1):**

1. Describe how the program aligns with the unit’s conceptual framework.

**Criteria**

Per **23 Illinois Administrative Code, Part 25, Section 25.145(a)(2):**

1. Describe the criteria for:

(a) admission to the program;   
  
(b) retention in the program; and   
  
(c) exit from the program.

1. State the required grade point average for entry into the program.

Per **23 Illinois Administrative Code, Part 25, Section 25.140(a):**

1. Describe the assessment system which will be used for collecting, analyzing, summarizing, and using information from the assessments of candidates, including measures that provide evidence of candidates’ proficiency with respect to professional, State, and institutional standards.

Per **23 Illinois Administrative Code, Part 25, Section 25.145 (a)(2):**

1. Describe how the key assessments used in the program are derived from or informed by the unit’s assessments system.

Per **23 Illinois Administrative Code, Part 25, Section 25.145(a)(3):**

1. Describe how the data on the candidates enrolled in the program and candidates completing the program will be used as a part of the assessment system required under Section 25.142. If a program is offered at more than one level (i.e., baccalaureate, post-baccalaureate, graduate, or as an alternative program), data shall be considered separately for each of these arrangements.

**Faculty**

Per **23 Illinois Administrative Code, Part 25, Section 25.145(a)(4):**

1. (a) Identify the faculty members with the primary responsibility for preparing professional educators in

the program; and

(b) state their qualifications for their positions.

**Course of Study**

Per **23 Illinois Administrative Code, Part 25, Section 25.145(a)(5):**

1. Describe the course of study, including:

(a) the required courses;

(b) the State standards which each course addresses;

(c) **related** field experiences or clinical practices as applicable to specified courses; and

(d) the proportion of coursework offered by distance learning or video-conferencing technology.

(e) evidence of instruction relative to special education and reading, which shall meet the criteria set

forth in Section 25.25(a)(1) of Part 25; and

(f) for English language learners, the criteria found in 23 Illinois Administrative Code, Part 24

(Standards for All Illinois Teachers).

**Field Experience and Clinical Practice**

Per **23 Illinois Administrative Code, Part 25, Section 25.145(a)(6):**

1. Describe the **required** field experience and clinical practice, in practicum courses including:

(a) criteria (e.g., what candidates are expected to know, understand, and be able to do because of the

field experience or clinical practice);

(b) measures taken to ensure placements in diverse settings and with the diverse students; and

(c) the program requirements for faculty supervision of these experiences.

**Assessments**

Per **23 Illinois Administrative Code, Part 25**

**Section 25.142 Assessment Requirements for Individual Programs**

**Section 25.142 (a) (1-5) Teacher Preparation Programs**

**Section 25.145 (a) (7) Approval of New Programs Within Recognized Institutions:**

1. By selecting ‘YES’ the institution is ensuring that the applicable Assessment of Professional Teaching and the applicable content area test are key assessments for candidates in teacher preparation programs.

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1. Please describe the key assessments and the specific standards addressed by each assessment that is used to comply with **23 Illinois Administrative Code, Part 25, Section 25.142(a)(1-5)** required of candidates in the program including:

(a1) an additional content assessment focused on program standards

(a2) an assessment of candidates’ ability to plan instruction

(a3) an assessment of clinical practice

(a4) an assessment of candidates’ impact on students’ learning

(a5) an assessment of the candidates’ dispositions demonstrated, as described in the unit’s conceptual framework pursuant to **23 Illinois Administrative Code, Part 25, Section 25.145 (a)**.

Per **23 Illinois Administrative Code, Part 25, Section 25.145(a)(7)(B):**

1. Provide a description of the data which will be collected and how it will be used by the programs for:
2. all the key assessments that were described;
3. the applicable content-area test identified; and
4. the Assessment of Professional Teaching, if applicable.

Per **23 Illinois Administrative Code, Part 25, Section 25.145(a)(7)(C):**

1. Discuss how the assessment data will demonstrate candidates’ mastery of identified standards.

Per **23 Illinois Administrative Code Section 25.145(a)(8):**

1. Describe the information related to two or three additional assessments that address relevant standards, if inclusion of this is desired by the unit offering the program.

Per **23 Illinois Administrative Code, Part 25, Section 25.145(a)(9):**

1. Provide a description of the need for individuals holding the type of endorsement to be awarded upon completion of the program, including but not limited to, evidence of a shortage of these types of educators (e.g., special education, math, and science), either across the State or in certain geographical areas. If the shortage is in a certain area, then describe the steps that will be taken to attract candidates from that area or to place candidates into positions within schools located there.

**Coursework**

Per **23 Illinois Administrative Code, Part 25, Section 25.115(e)(1-4):**

1. Please attach a matrix that explains how the program meets:
2. The applicable content standards set forth at **23 Illinois Administrative Code, Part 20, (Standards for Endorsements in Elementary Education) and Part 26 (Standards for Endorsements in Early Childhood Education and in Elementary Education).**
3. Describe how the program meets the Standards for All Illinois Teachers set forth in **23 Illinois Administrative Code, Part 24,** by attaching the 2013 Illinois Professional Teaching Standards Matrix.

Per **105 ILCS 5/21B-20(1) Professional Educator License** and **23 Illinois Administrative Code, Part 25, Section 25.25 Requirements for the Professional Educator License:**

1. Describe how the program meets the Professional Educator License coursework requirements including:

(a) the psychology of the exceptional child including without limitation the learning disabled;

(b) the identification of the exceptional child including without limitation the learning disabled;

(c) the methods of instruction for the exceptional child including without limitation the learning disabled; and

(d) the methods of reading and reading in the content area.

**Social and Emotional Learning Standards**

1. Describe how the program meets the Social and Emotional Learning Standards set forth at **23 Illinois Administrative Code 555 Appendix A.**

**Program Approval Requirements**

**Standards for Endorsements in Elementary Education (Grades 1 through 6)**

**23 Illinois Administrative Code, Part 20, Section 20.10**

Per **23 Illinois Administrative Code, Part 20, Section 20.10(a)(3):**

1. By selecting ‘YES’ the institution ensures that on or before February 1, 2017, each elementary education program seeking approval for the first time or re-approval of an existing program shall work in consultation with one or more community colleges to ensure the articulation of coursework between the two institutions and as applicable, the alignment of community college coursework relevant to elementary education to the standards set forth in this Part.

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1. By selecting ‘YES’ the institution ensures that beginning October 1, 2015, no candidate shall be admitted to an elementary education program that has not been approved under this Part. Any candidate who is enrolled in an elementary program not approved under Section 25.97 shall complete the program on or before September 1, 2017, and have the elementary endorsement issued no later than January 31, 2018.

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**Program Approval Requirements**

**Endorsement for Elementary Education (Grades 1 through 6)**

**23 Illinois Administrative Code, Part 25, Section 25.97**

Per **23 Illinois Administrative Code, Part 25, Section 25.97(b); 25.97 (b)(1); 25.97 (b)(2); and 25.97(b) 3):**

1. By selecting ‘YES’ the institution ensures that each candidate for an endorsement in elementary education will complete a 32 semester hour major in elementary education offered by an Illinois program approved for the preparation of elementary education teachers pursuant to Subpart C of Part 25. The program shall include:

* coursework that addresses at least three areas of the sciences (i.e., physical, life, earth and space);
* coursework that addresses at least four areas of the social sciences (i.e., history, geography, civics and government, economics of Illinois, the United States and the world); and
* a student teaching experience that meets the requirements of Section 25.620 (Student Teaching) of Part 25 for those candidates who will be receiving the professional educator license for the first time.

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