



Get the Facts

Certification Tests

WHO IS REQUIRED TO TAKE CERTIFICATION TESTS?

Passing the required certification tests is one component of the process for certification in the state of Illinois. In addition to passing these tests, a candidate for certification must complete all required coursework in an approved educator preparation program and complete the field and clinical experience requirements. In addition, successful completion of a content test in the area of teaching assignment is one means of becoming “highly qualified” under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act.

WHAT TESTS AM I REQUIRED TO TAKE?

◆ **Teacher Certification**

(Programs: T&L Elementary, T&L Secondary, T&L Early Childhood, Dual Certification)

Individuals seeking certification as a teacher in Illinois must pass three tests: the Basic Skills test, the appropriate content area test, and the appropriate Assessment of Professional Teaching (APT) test.

In addition to the tests listed above, the Special Education General Curriculum test (program: Dual Certification) will also be required for all individuals who apply for the following certificates on or after October 1, 2006: Learning Behavior Specialist I

◆ **Administrative Certification-Type 75**

(Programs: Educational Leadership)

Individuals seeking certification as an administrator in Illinois must pass the Basic Skills test and the appropriate content area test.

◆ **School Service Personnel Certification**

(Programs: Human Services and Counseling-School Counselor)

Individuals seeking school service personnel certification in Illinois must pass the Basic Skills test and the appropriate content area test.

HOW DO I REGISTER FOR CERTIFICATION TESTS?

Go to the Illinois Certification Testing System website to view available test dates and instructions on how to register <http://www.icts.nesinc.com/index.asp>

