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Important Licensure Changes: Winter 2015

Important Licensure Application Fee Change

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) recently announced a fee increase for applications for the Professional Educator License (PEL) and Substitute License.

Per School Code (21B-40), application fees for a Professional Educator License (PEL), Educator License with Stipulations (ELS) and Substitute License will increase to \$100.00 on January 1, 2015. Please also note that the application fee for a provisional endorsement on an ELS remains \$150.00 and that the application fee for an endorsement remains \$50.00.

(105 ILCS 5/21B-40)
Sec. 21B-40. Fees.

(a) Beginning with the start of the new licensure system established pursuant to this Article, the following fees shall be charged to applicants:

A \$75 application fee for a Professional Educator License or an Educator License with Stipulations and for individuals seeking a Substitute Teaching License. However, beginning on January 1, 2015, the application fee for a Professional Educator License, Educator License with Stipulations, or Substitute Teaching License shall be \$100.

A \$150 application fee for individuals who have completed an approved educator preparation program outside of this State or who hold a valid, comparable credential from another state or country and are seeking any of the licenses set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection (a).

edTPA: A New Requirement for All Teacher Education Students Beginning Fall 2015

Beginning Sept 1, 2015 there will be a new requirement for any individual seeking teaching licensure in the State of Illinois.

- This new requirement, the Teacher Performance Assessment (called "edTPA") will become a requirement mandated by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) for anyone that completes their student teaching in Fall 2015 and beyond. It is an assessment conducted during the student teaching experience that will include video clips of instruction, lesson plans, student work samples, analysis of student learning and reflective commentaries. Students will submit an electronic portfolio to an outside agency for independent evaluation and a fee will be imposed by that agency as part of the assessment. The Department of Teacher Education is still determining the method for assisting students with this requirement and more information will follow. Although edTPA isn't required for all students until Fall 2015, some programs will begin incorporating this new state requirement into programs to help students prepare.

Please understand that DePaul and the College of Education have no control over policy and regulations set by the Illinois State Board of Education or their implementation or timeline. Individuals must meet requirements in place at the time they apply for the license.