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Memorandum

DATE: March 4, 2021

FROM: Dr. Alberto Lopez
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TO: Candidates completing student teaching in Fall 2021

RE: **Content Test and edTPA for licensure in Illinois: Candidates graduating and completing student teaching in Fall 2021 (corrected)**

Cc: Department chairs
Advisors
Dr. Andrea E. Evans, Interim Dean
Mr. Dan Weber, University Registrar

In October of 2020, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) informed the Goodwin College of Education that due to a large number of candidates who are trying to register for the content test, they were extending the provisions approved by the Governor related to COVID19 and also they were proposing changes in the rules. ISBE approved new regulations that will be in effect until the end of 2021.

What these changes in rules mean for candidates graduating or completing student teaching in Fall 2021?

- A passing score in the content test **is not** required before student teaching. The content test will be required to be recommended for teaching licensure.
- You will need to pass the content test by **December 13, 2021** (dates grades are due) to be entitled during Fall 2021 entitlement cycle.
- You will be able to petition the Associate Dean to graduate without passing the content test. Please, contact your program advisor to discuss the steps in the [University Catalog](#) about petitions. You will receive a letter with the details of the approved petitions regarding graduation and entitlement.
- ISBE has waived EdTPA for candidates completing the program in Fall 2021. You will not need to pass this assessment to earn your initial license. The waiver is valid for Illinois. If you plan to move to a state that requires edTPA for licensure, you might want to call that state board of education and ask if they will accept Illinois' edTPA waiver. Also, consult with your financial aid advisor if receiving a waiver in one of the licensure requirements might impact your plans to acquire loan forgiveness. If you decide to submit edTPA, the college and your program will support you. Please, inform your advisor and instructor of student teaching if you choose to submit the assessment.