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Memorandum

DATE: July 9, 2021

FROM: Dr. Alberto López
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TO: Candidates completing student teaching in Spring 2022 and Fall 2022

RE: **Content Test and edTPA for licensure in Illinois: Candidates graduating and completing student teaching in Spring 2022 and Fall 2022**

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

In June of 2021, the Governor extended the COVID19 Emergency Order until July 24, 2021. This change has an impact on the requirements for Initial Licensure in Illinois for Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 student teachers. We are now operating under the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) July 1 – December 31 deadlines for the requirements of content test before student teaching and edTPA for licensure.

What does this new deadline mean if I am completing student teaching in Spring 2022?

- You will **not** need to pass the content test **before** students teaching. You may apply to complete your student teaching, and the CEST Office will process your application without confirming a passing score on the content test.
- You do not need to have official passing content area exam scores on file with the Goodwin College of Education to begin your Spring 2022 student teaching experience.
- You must pass the content test for entitlement/licensure. NEIU will **not** recommend you for entitlement until you have passed your required content area exam(s).
- Your passing scores must be reflected in your ELIS account by **May 11, 2022**.
- If you do not expect to have a passing score on the content test(s) by May 11, 2022, you may petition to graduate without licensure. Please, contact your program advisor for details on how to petition to graduate without a teaching license.
- ISBE has waived EdTPA for candidates completing their teacher licensure program in Spring 2022. You will **not** need to pass this assessment to earn your initial license. The waiver is valid only for Illinois. If you plan to move to a state that requires edTPA for licensure, you may 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 of one of your licensure requirements might impact your plans to acquire loan forgiveness. If you decide to submit edTPA, the Goodwin

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College of Education and your teacher licensure program will support you. Please, inform your advisor and university supervisor if you choose to submit the assessment.

What does this new deadline mean if I am completing student teaching in Fall 2022?

- You will need to pass the content test **BEFORE** student teaching
- During student teaching, you will need to complete edTPA and have a passing score for licensure.

Please, contact your program advisor or the Dean's office if you have further questions, gcoe@neiu.edu