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Memorandum

DATE: January 3, 2022

FROM: Dr. Alberto Lopez
Associate Dean

TO: Candidates completing student teaching in Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Summer 2022
and Spring 2023 Terms

RE: **Content Test and edTPA for licensure in Illinois: completing student teaching
in Spring 2022, Fall 2022 & Spring 2023**

Cc: GCOE Department chairs
Advisors
Dr. Andrea E. Evans, Interim Dean
Mrs. Kimberly Buster-Williams, VP Enrollment Management

In December of 2020, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) informed the Goodwin College of Education that the governor had extended the COVID19 Disaster Proclamation past December 31, 2021.

What this extension will mean for candidates graduating and/or completing student teaching in Spring 2022?

- 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 May 15, 2022 (dates grades are due) to be entitled during the Spring 2022 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 Spring 2022. 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.

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- You will need to pass the content test by December 12, 2022 (dates grades are due) to be entitled during the Fall 2022 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.
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What this extension will mean for candidates graduating in Summer 2022?

- The content test will be required to be recommended for teaching licensure.
- You will need to pass the content test by August 1, 2022 (dates grades are due) to be entitled during the Summer 2022 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.

What this extension will mean for candidates graduating and/or completing student teaching in Spring 2023?

- If the governor does not extend the COVID19 Disaster Proclamation:
 - You must pass the content test BEFORE student teaching
 - You must pass the edTPA during student teaching to earn your initial license
 - You must submit the edTPA to graduate or complete your non-degree program