ILLINOIS PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR LICENSE IN NON-TEACHING SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Students pursuing an Illinois Professional Educator License (formerly known as Type 73: Non-Teaching Speech Language Pathologist certification) must take the following courses in addition to the required courses for the master’s degree:

- COMD 676: Organization and Planning of Speech, Language, and Hearing Services
- COMD 610: Multicultural Aspects of Speech-Language Pathology
- COMD 691: Advanced Practicum: Educational Speech-Language Pathology
- NIU Safety Tutorial

Students must pass two tests required by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE):

- Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP)
  - The SAT plus Writing with a minimum 1030 composite score and a minimum 450 on the writing subtest OR the ACT plus Writing with a minimum overall score of 22 and a minimum combined English and writing score of 19 will be accepted in lieu of the TAP if they were taken within the last 10 years.
- Speech-Language Pathologist: Non-Teaching Test (154)

The following timeline is provided as a general guide to the program and is subject to change due to regulatory updates and curricular modifications:

At admission to the graduate program for Speech-Language Pathology: Students will receive written information regarding the Professional Educator License timeline and procedures for obtaining a professional educator license. Students will be encouraged to register and take the TAP at that time. Test scores must be sent to NIU.

At orientation: Students will again receive written information regarding the Professional Educator License timeline and procedures for obtaining a professional educator license. They will be directed to register and take the TAP if they have not already done so.

Fall 1:
- TAP required if it has not previously been completed or submit evidence of ACT Plus Writing or the SAT Plus Writing
- Students not electing to pursue a professional educator license will be required to state so in writing.
- Fill out application to the Professional Educator Licensure Program
- Complete and pass NIU safety tutorial

Spring 1:
- Students who pass the TAP will be admitted to the Professional Educator License program.
- Students who have passed at least two of the TAP areas but not all will be provisionally admitted to the Professional Educator License program.
• Provisional admits will be required to complete a TAP review course or a tutoring program, remediation plans must be filed with the University Office of Educator Licensure & Preparation.
• Provisional admits will retake the TAP.
• Students will complete COMD 610 with a B or better.

**Summer 2:**
• All students in the Professional Educator License program will take the Speech-Language Pathologist: Non-Teaching Content Test (154).
• Students who did not pass the content test will participate in student lead study groups.
• Provisional admits who have not passed the TAP will be required to retake the TAP.
• All students must pass the TAP by the end of the semester to be considered for admission to the Professional Educator License program.
• Students will complete COMD 676 with a B or better.
• Final deadline for students to submit in writing that they are not pursuing a Professional Educator License.

**Fall 2:**
• No students are allowed to enter the Professional Educator License program without delaying school external placements and extending their program of study.
• Students who did not pass the content test will be required to retake it.

**Spring 2:**
• Students fully admitted to the Professional Educator License program will be eligible to register for COMD 691.
• Complete a school external placement (COMD 691) with a B or better.
• All students must pass the SLP content test before starting school externals.
• Complete a school external placement (COMD 691) with a B or better.

The School of Allied Health & Communicative Disorders is approved by the Illinois State Board of Education to offer a program meeting the requirements for an Illinois Professional Educator License with a Speech-Language Pathologist Nonteaching endorsement. Those students who wish to work in public schools in other states must meet certification requirements for the state where they wish to work.