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School of Education Teacher Licensure Program

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING FOR INITIAL LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

I am aware the General Assembly passed legislation to eliminate the requirement of Basic Skills (ACT/SAT/TAP). I am also aware Basic Skills content is embedded in ILTS Content Tests. I understand additional time, effort and preparation will be required to pass ILTS Content Tests.

In order to qualify for a teaching license in the state of Illinois (PEL-Professional Educator License), all teacher candidates must successfully complete all Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) requirements including, but not limited to, CONTENT TESTS, edTPA, the receipt of positive DISPOSITIONAL EVALUATIONS, and successful completion of all course and non-course requirements in a designated program of study. Students should refer to program of study requirements by accessing the Aurora University catalog.

I understand, in order to be eligible to student teach, all official paperwork must be filed with the Office of Field Placements and Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS) by July 1 in the same year for a fall student teaching placement and by November 1 for a spring student teaching placement. I also understand there will be no exceptions made to the due dates required by the Office of Field Placements and ISBE.

Since student teaching applications are due one year prior to student teaching, a teacher candidate applying for a student teaching placement is required to present a minimum major GPA of 2.75 at the time the student teaching application is submitted to the Office of Field Placements and a minimum major GPA of 3.0 one semester prior to the student teaching experience.

Completing the student teaching application does not guarantee approval for student teaching. Teacher candidates who have not met all ISBE state, AU academic and AU field experience requirements for student teaching will not be granted approval regardless of a confirmed placement.

Policy on Re-entering a Teaching Education Program for Student Teaching

Due to a teacher candidate's failure to successfully complete/pass required testing mandated by the Illinois State Board of Education, teacher candidates NOT enrolled in coursework for more than one consecutive semester are required to enroll in a 4-semester-hour Independent Study Clinical Immersion course including field experience and edTPA review and preparation.

Teacher Candidate (print): _____

Teacher Candidate Signature: _____

Student ID# _____

Date: _____

Bring the form to Lynn Streit in the Institute for Collaboration, Suite 222.