

# **SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CARBONDALE**

## **College of Education and Human Services**

### **Department of Workforce Education and Development**

#### **Alternative Route to Teacher Certification Programs in Career and Technical Education**

SIUC's Alternative Route to Teacher Certification Program is designed for individuals seeking the Illinois Type 09 Standard Teaching License. The program is designed for students who possess content area expertise and work experience in the area in which they seek teacher certification. The alternative route to certification program is an intensive standards-based program that recognizes the unique strengths of each candidate. As a result, teacher candidates in the alternative route program are expected to meet the same standards required of all beginning teachers. The alternative route program is not a "fast-track" program. The Illinois Professional Education Standards--for all Illinois teachers and for each secondary content area--that applicants are required to meet are explained at this site: <http://www.isbe.state.il.us/profprep/pcstandardrules.htm>

The Department of Workforce Education and Development at SIUC offers alternative certification programs in these career and technical education teaching areas: (1) Agricultural Education; (2) Business, Marketing, and Computer Education; (3) Family and Consumer Sciences; (4) Health Careers; and (5) Technology Education (Industrial Technology).

#### **Requirements for Alternative Route to Teacher Certification**

1. Bachelor's Degree in **CTE Content area** with 2.75 GPA
2. Five years' work experience in the area of teaching major (documented by previous employer)

#### **Admission Procedures**

1. Apply to the SIUC Graduate School and to the Master's Program in Workforce Education and Development. Follow guidelines on this website:  
[http://wed.siu.edu/Public/Graduate/ms/ms\\_application.php](http://wed.siu.edu/Public/Graduate/ms/ms_application.php)
2. Submit a detailed resume document the work experience in the content area (nonteaching).
3. Pass the ICTS Basic Skills Test. Information is at: <http://www.icts.nesinc.com>

#### **Program Development**

Upon admission to both the Alternative Route to Teacher Certification in Career and Technical Education and to the Master's Program in Workforce Education and Development, the student will:

1. meet with the coordinator of the Alternative Certification Program to assess the candidate's academic background and work experience and to develop an individualized program of study (a minimum of **18 semester** hours).

- a. The assessment will determine which of the Illinois Professional Education Standards must be addressed in the candidate's program. Since SIUC's Alternative Route to Teacher Certification is standards-based, each student's course of study may differ to some degree. Alternative Certification coursework may be applied toward hours required for the Master's Degree.
  - b. The program of study must be on file before the end of the student's first semester of enrollment.
2. after all alternative certification coursework is completed, take the ICTS Content Test (<http://www.icts.nesinc.com/>) for the desired career and technical education area. Test numbers are:
- a. agricultural education (field 170)
  - b. business, marketing, and computer education (field 171)
  - c. family and consumer sciences (field 172)
  - d. health careers (field 173)
  - e. technology education (field 174)

### **Required Practicum**

The student must secure a contractual teaching position with a secondary school district in order to complete alternative certification requirements. The school must agree to provide a mentor, and SIUC will assign a supervisor for the practicum each semester. Prior to the practicum, the candidate must:

1. Pass the ICTS Content Test for the career and technical education certification area (see #2 above).
2. Pass the FBI Fingerprinting Background Check (current locations will be provided).
3. Contact the CTE Alternative Certification Coordinator to obtain a Provisional Alternative (Secondary Teaching) Certificate (Type 25).
4. Register for 3 hours of practicum (WED 497) each fall and spring semester.
5. During the second semester of the practicum, the student must take and pass the ICTS Assessment of Professional Teaching Examination (APT Grades 6-12).

### **Obtaining the Type 09 Standard Teaching License**

Once all test scores are posted, the applicant will inform the CTE Alternative Certification Coordinator that all requirements have been completed. The Coordinator will (a) review the practicum assessment and supporting documents to verify successful completion of all requirements, and (b) submit appropriate documentation to the SIUC Teacher Certification Coordinator recommending that the Type 09 Standard License be awarded. The SIUC Teacher Certification Coordinator will e-mail the applicant explaining final procedures for obtaining and registering the Type 09 Standard Teaching Certificate.

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