

TO: Barbara Powell, Chair COTE

TOPIC: Catalog Changes: Subsequent Certificates

Effective January 1, 2005, individuals seeking holding an Illinois Teaching Certificate who wish to add an additional/subsequent teaching certificate must complete an approved program at a teacher education institution and be recommended for that certificate via entitlement. This will replace the deficiency process for the issuance of certificates currently in place with the Illinois State Board of Education.

As part of this change, ISBE encourages institutions to develop “focused programs” to recognize coursework that these teachers may have already completed. In addition, ISBE encourages institutions to develop a policy on whether individuals who currently hold a teaching certificate (and therefore will have completed student teaching) will have to complete student teaching (although they do require field experiences at the grade levels that the candidate is seeking certification). Finally, ISBE requires that institutions clearly identify in their catalog the procedures for individuals seeking an additional/subsequent certificate. It is my belief that with minor modifications our current catalog copy regarding post-baccalaureate students can fulfill these requirements. Attached please find proposed catalog revisions that reflect these changes (changes in red and italics). In short they are the following:

- Changing the title of the section heading
- Adding a parenthetical statement (including those seeking a subsequent teaching certificate)
- Adding a sentence allowing individuals holding an Illinois Teaching Certificate and who has one year documented successful, full-time teaching experience to request that said experience be substituted for Student Teaching.

I respectfully request that this item be added to the agenda at your next COTE meeting for consideration at the following meeting.

Sincerely,
Dr. Douglas Bower