Substitute Teaching while in the TEP

Iowa law provides options for individuals to become authorized to substitute teach. One of these options, a "Substitute Authorization," can be available to students enrolled in the Teacher Education Program (TEP) who have not yet completed the TEP [Iowa Administrative Code 282-22.2(272)].

The Substitute Authorization does not allow for service as a long-term substitute. Long-term substitute teaching requires a teaching license or Substitute License, which requires completion of a teacher preparation program.

TEP practicum and student teaching requirements are not satisfied by substitute teaching experience. Substitute teaching is not permitted during student teaching.

Application for a Substitute Authorization requires a background check under Board of Educational Examiners requirements.

Teacher candidates may wish to consider professional liability insurance for teachers, especially for substitute teaching in non-public schools.

Requirements

Requirements for a Substitute Authorization include:

- an associate’s degree or 60 semester hours of college coursework; and
- minimum age of 21 years; and
- completion of an approved Substitute Authorization program. The orientation courses of the University of Iowa TEP are approved as Substitute Authorization programs:
  - EDTL:3091 Secondary Education Orientation and Classroom Management, or
  - EDTL:3190 Orientation to Elementary Education.

Application

Apply online with the Board of Educational Examiners at www.boee.iowa.gov; within the application, upload:

- an official University of Iowa transcript;
- other college/university transcripts (if you have earned fewer than 60 semester hours at the University of Iowa);
- a note written by you stating that the course, EDTL:3091 or EDTL:3190, is the approved Substitute Authorization program you completed (see back for sample).

No verification from the College of Education is required.

For more information

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Sample note to upload with your application:

Date
Your Name
Folder No. (assigned during the application process)

I am applying for the Substitute Authorization. I have completed (EDTL:3091 Secondary Education Orientation and Classroom Management, or EDTL:3190 Orientation to Elementary Education), the approved Substitute Authorization course at the University of Iowa, as documented on my official transcript uploaded during the application process.

Your Signature