



Student Teaching Semester: Extra Costs

For your information below is a list of costs that are related to the student teaching semester, graduation, and Iowa licensure application. The costs identified are in addition to the registration and fees associated with a full semester course load.

All student teachers are assessed a “student teaching” fee which will appear on their University of Iowa tuition bill. The fee covers the state-mandated cost of compensating teachers in the field who mentor our student teachers. This fee also contributes to the cost of supervisor travel, supervision, and several incidental expenses associated with student teaching. The current amount is \$475-\$575, of which half is assessed on each of two required student teaching courses.

The Teacher Education Program requires a comprehensive record check because many field experience sites (schools and other educational agencies) require students to show documentation of a record check prior to entering the site. College of Education (COE) staff will have access to the record check for verification and advising purposes. Results of record checks do not affect a student's status in the TEP. Fees for the background check through a third-party vendor, CastleBranch are currently \$48 at the time of admission and then the semester before student teaching a re-check is required for a fee of \$32. Students may use an alternate third-party vendor, but COE staff must have access to the results and be able to provide the results to the school districts that request them.

Fees associated with Iowa licensure application currently are \$160. This amount includes \$85 for the licensure application and \$65 for an FBI criminal record check. Students who already hold a coaching or substitute license will not have the \$65 FBI criminal record check.

The University of Iowa Department of Public Safety charges a \$10 fee for fingerprinting services; fingerprinting is required as part of the licensure application.

A requirement of students seeking approval to student teach in the Chicago area is to provide documentation of successful completion of a content test. For secondary education majors the Illinois Certification Testing System (ICTS) Content Test in their major area of study will fulfill this requirement. For elementary education majors the Illinois content requirement may be fulfilled by taking the ICT# 197, 198, 199 & 200. The cost of these tests is approximately \$150.00.

In order to be considered Highly Qualified, under the Federal Legislation, all education students completing initial Teacher Preparation Programs (Elementary, Secondary, K-12, Special Education) are required by the State of Iowa to successfully complete the edTPA Standardized Tests. Student teachers will need the test to be recommended for licensure. There is no additional testing requirement for added endorsements.



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For those doing a special site student teaching placement, certain fees are waived, these include: student activities fee, student services fee, student union fee, recreation facility fee, arts & cultural events fee, and student health fee.