

**College of Education Advising Center,**  
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**Guidelines for Completing the Teacher Education Program Admission Interview:**

As stated in the ISU Undergraduate Catalogue, all applicants to the Teacher Education Program must successfully complete an admission interview. The purpose of the interview is to assess your performance relative to two of the Core Standards for Beginning Teachers: (1) Literacy/Communication and (2) Personal Characteristics and Interpersonal Skills. Through the admission interview, you will demonstrate your oral communication skills, interpersonal skills, professionalism, problem solving skills, and commitment to the profession of teaching.

**Scheduling Your Interview:**

Contact us to schedule a date and time for your interview after you have submitted your application to the Teacher Education Program, including required documentation (e.g., PRAXIS score report, transcripts, current class schedule, etc.). It is YOUR responsibility to gather and submit your application and required documents by one of the following deadlines: October 1, March 1, or June 1. Interviews will be held three times each year; early November, end of March, and mid-June.

**Interview Format:**

A three to four member panel comprised of a College of Education faculty member, and a combination of an Arts & Sciences faculty member, a practicing teacher or administrator, and a College of Education student already admitted to the Teacher Education Program, will interview you. Dress professionally.

**Video:**

For the interview, you must prepare a 3-5 minute video showing you interacting with a small group of students (4-5) in a formal classroom setting. The video should show the teaching of a lesson in an age and subject appropriate setting. If you are elementary, please interact with students in the K-8 grade levels. If you are secondary, please teach or interact with students in the 6 to 12 grade levels. Secondary students are required to teach or interact with students using their prospective teaching major or minor. You may need to obtain permission before taping students. Please use the attached permission slip if necessary.

**Tips for Preparing Your Video:**

- VHS cameras may be checked out from the Student Advising office.
- Tape your video in a professional educational setting with students of the age that you want to teach.
- Do not use family members in your video.
- Be prepared to brief the Interview Panel on what they will see before you start the video.
- Your video should be a maximum of 5 minutes in length (review and revise before the interview.)
- Make certain the lighting, sound, and focus are of good quality on your video.
- Please speak English and record English-speaking students on your video.
- Be certain that the video camera is placed to capture both you and your students.
- Have the tape properly cued up – do not make the panel wait for you to rewind *during* the interview.
- Remember to collect your video after the interview.

**Notification of Results:**

You will be notified of your interview results and status of admission to the Teacher Education Program via a letter mailed to you approximately one week following your interview. Should you fail the interview, you can meet with your advisor to discuss strategies to enhance your performance and/or remediate deficiencies. You are eligible to re-interview the following semester.