Transition Specialist

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The ISU Transition Specialist Graduate Certificate Program is designed to prepare district level or building level transition specialists, as well as to prepare all secondary special educators to effectively support students’ transitions to quality adult lives. The comprehensive and in-depth curriculum addresses transition programming needs for students across disability categories.

PROGRAM MODEL

The program includes four graduate-level courses. Completion of the courses leads to a graduate certificate from Illinois State University and can lead to a Learning Behavior Specialist 2: Transition Specialist licensure from the Illinois State Board of Education for eligible individuals who pass the state certification test.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Submit the following application materials through the Illinois State University Office of Admissions online application system, available at Grad.IllinoisState.edu/Admission:

- An application letter that includes the following information:
  - A description of your experience working with middle and/or high school students with IEPs;
  - An assessment of your strengths and areas for improvement related to providing secondary transition services; and
  - At least three specific learning goals you plan to accomplish during the program

- A current resume
- A letter documenting a minimum of one year of successful teaching experience
- An official transcript from each higher education institution you have attended
- A copy of your current teaching certificates
- Names and email addresses for three references

PROGRAM FACULTY

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For more information

If you have questions about the program, admission requirements, or application procedures, please email Debbie Shelden at dlsheld@ilstu.edu.