A Message From the Dean

While the data in this report represent our progress and accomplishments during 2014-2015, we never lose sight that the true impact of our efforts is felt by current and future learners, including our students and the communities they will serve. Our work involves partnerships with other institutions and our donors to expand access to education courses to have an urban focus and to cultivate and sustain innovative, resilient, and effective educators for our future classrooms.

Innovative Programming

The Teaching & Learning (T&L) Lab is a simulated classroom environment featuring five avatar students with adjustable characteristics.

Innovation Network of Future Urban Special Educators (INFUSE) An urban-focused sequence where preservice teachers critically examine social issues in special education through coursework, clinical experiences, service learning, and engagement with community organizations and leaders.

Teaching in the 21st Century Conference (T21Cen) An annual on-campus professional development opportunity focused on the integration of educational technologies into the classroom.

New Teacher Conference (NTCon) An annual professional development opportunity for alumni-educators who have completed 2-8 years in the field.

Elburn State University's Chicago Teacher Education Pipeline (CTEP) is a federally funded grant program grounded in social justice and works to cultivate diverse, equitable, resilient, and effective educators for urban schools and their communities. Since 2006, the CTEP has collaborated with Elburn State Faculty to redesign the education courses to have an urban focus.
The mean scores of the College of Education student teachers were higher than the state and national average in five of six program categories.

University Laboratory Schools

- Thomas Metcalf School and University High School represent two of less than 100 university laboratory schools in the U.S.
- Both schools annually enroll 1,000 P-12 students from Central Illinois, and serve as a living laboratory for teacher candidates to gain more than 40,000 clinical hours each year.
- # of University laboratory school staff who host professional development (PD) sessions
- # of teacher candidates enrolled through PD

Accreditation
The National Council of Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) has continuously accredited Illinois State University for 60 years.

Top 75
Best public university in the nation
University High School

Top 55
Best high school in the nation
High School

Top 12
Most Influential Dean of Education in the United States

Largest preparer of special education teachers at the initial or bachelor’s level in Illinois, and a top 10 largest preparer in the U.S.

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