

FAQ – Licensure

What courses are required in order to earn the Indiana High Ability (formerly Gifted and Talented) license addition?

There are 4 required courses (12 credits):

- EDPS 54000 - Gifted, Creative, and Talented Children
- EDPS 54200 - Curriculum and Program Development in Gifted Education
- EDPS 54500 - Social and Affective Development of Gifted Students
- EDPS 69500 - Practicum in Gifted Education

Can I take the courses in any order?

EDPS 54000 is the introductory course and should be taken prior to taking the other 3 courses. EDPS 695 is the capstone course and the other 3 courses are prerequisites. Therefore, EDPS 54000 should be taken first followed by EDPS 54200 and 54500 in any order, followed by EDPS 69500.

Do these courses count towards an endorsement in other states?

Each state has different requirements for endorsement ranging from no endorsement at all, to more than 12 credits. Check with your state department of education as the 4 course series meets all of the Council for Exceptional Children-National Association for Gifted Children national standards.

Are the courses offered online?

Yes, all four courses are offered online during the fall and spring semesters. There are no online courses offered in the summer.

Are the courses offered on the West Lafayette campus or any other Purdue campuses?

The courses are offered on the West Lafayette campus during the summer and occasionally during the school year. They are not offered at any other Purdue campus.

If I take an online course, can I also take some on campus courses?

Yes, you can combine online and on campus courses to fulfill the requirements for the license addition. You will need to complete a new application, but if you have taken a course within a year, you will not have to pay an additional \$55 application fee. (Individual courses offered through the PEC do not have a grad application fee at all).

How do I apply?

If you plan to take an on campus course, you will need to apply through the College of Education Graduate Office – www.education.purdue.edu/gradoffice

If you plan to take an online course, you will need to apply through the Purdue Graduate School - <http://www.gradschool.purdue.edu/>

Do I have to take the GRE?

No, you will apply as a non-degree or licensure student and do not need to take the GRE or submit letters of recommendation.

How do I register?

Registration for on campus courses is done through MyPurdue - <http://www.gradschool.purdue.edu/> - for assistance contact the College of Education Graduate Office - education-gradoffice@purdue.edu

Registration for online courses is done through the Purdue Extended Campus, formerly known as Continuing Education and Conferences - <https://www.distance.purdue.edu/educators/> - for assistance contact Shari Beam – sbeam@purdue.edu, 765-496-3338.

Can I transfer in courses from other universities?

Yes, you will need to send course titles and descriptions to Marcia Gentry for approval – mgency@purdue.edu

Can I use the licensure courses towards a Master's Degree?

Yes, you can transfer in 12 credits to the Master's in Educational Psychology with emphasis in Gifted and Talented. If you start the licensure courses and decide to pursue a Master's, you will need to complete another application to the College of Education Graduate School and submit GRE scores and letters of recommendation. If you have not started the licensure courses and want to pursue a Master's and the High Ability license addition simultaneously, apply to the College of Education Graduate School for a Master's Degree.

I'm an undergraduate, can I take the High Ability courses?

Yes. If you are an undergraduate student at Purdue University, West Lafayette, your advisor should be able to help you schedule the courses. As an undergrad, you can reserve the credits for graduate credit by completing a Form 350 if you are of senior standing. You can also use these courses as electives. If you are an undergraduate at another institution, you will need to complete an application as a non-degree student.

As an undergraduate, you can take 3 of the 4 courses. The capstone course, EDPS 69500 – Practicum in Gifted Education, should be taken while you are teaching.

I'm an undergrad, can I take EDPS 69500 while I student teach?

We definitely DO NOT recommend taking EDPS 69500 while student teaching. EDPS 69500 is best taken during the spring of your first year of teaching.

How does the practicum work? Can I do it if I am not teaching a "gifted or high ability class"?

Practicum is not student teaching; you do all of the assignments while working in your own classroom with your students. The goal is to have at least 3 or 4 gifted students in the class. Even if your school has a self-contained gifted class or high ability cluster that you do not teach, you are highly likely to have children in your class who need accommodations and modifications to their curriculum because they are beyond the classroom in one area or another.

I heard something about tuition reimbursement, is something available?

The Indiana Department of Education has generously provided partial tuition reimbursements for Indiana teachers completing courses leading to the High Ability License addition. The program is funded on an annual basis from July 1 to June 30 and there is no guarantee of funding from year to year. To apply for the refund complete a request form within the first two weeks of class - <http://www.doe.in.gov/exceptional/gt/whatsnew.html> After receiving your final grade, send your transcript to the designated individual.