

# COMPLETING THE INDIANA LICENSE IN GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION AT PURDUE UNIVERSITY

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## ***PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM***

The program provides teachers with the professional training needed to add Gifted and Talented (GT) Education to an instructional license. The program ensures the development of appropriate skills among those who will lead and/or teach in programs for gifted and talented students as well as for all classroom teachers who want to be able to challenge GT learners. Students completing the program will develop an understanding of the cognitive, affective, and social characteristics of gifted and talented learners in different talent domains. They will be able to differentiate curriculum and instruction, develop gifted and talented programs, enhance thinking skills, and facilitate the social and affective development of high ability students. The Purdue GT licensure program is performance-based. Students who **successfully** complete the program demonstrate proficiency on professional and state standards for gifted education.

## ***COURSE OF STUDY***

Students who currently hold or are working towards a standard instructional license are required to complete 15 credit hours of course work in the area of gifted education. The licensure program consists of four required three-credit courses: an introductory course on gifted, creative, and talented children (EDPS 540); a course on identification and evaluation (EDPS 541); a course on curriculum, instructional materials, and program development (EDPS 542); and a practicum in gifted education (EDPS 695G). In addition, three advisor-approved elective credits must be selected and completed. Courses that satisfy the elective include Teaching Thinking Skills (EDPS 543), Teaching Materials and Methods in Gifted Education (EDPS 544), Social and Affective Development of Gifted Students (EDPS 545), Individual Research Problems (EDPS 590), Special Topics in Education (EDPS 591), or Seminar in Giftedness and Talent (EDPS 631).

The core licensure courses (EDPS 540, 541, and 542) are generally offered in a two-week intensive format during the summer on the West Lafayette Purdue campus and at selected off-campus sites throughout Indiana during the regular academic year. Courses are taught by GERI faculty and approved instructors. The seminar (EDPS 631) is offered on the West Lafayette campus in a late afternoon time slot once every two years (during spring semester). One of the elective courses is offered each fall semester in an evening time slot. A new and unique elective course is available for educators who attend the DISCOVER! Institute. DISCOVER! is a high quality, summer institute for educators interested in gifted education and talent development. Scheduled during the last week of June, it has an optional 3 credit graduate course (EDPS 590) associated with it for participants. The practicum (EDPS 695G) is offered through the West Lafayette campus as an asynchronous distance learning experience during the spring semester only. EDPS 540, 541, and 542 are prerequisites for the practicum. Teachers complete their practicum experience in their own school setting while teaching a minimum of five gifted students.

There is no specific timeline for completing the licensure courses; however, ongoing work and completion within a reasonable period of time is expected. When the required 15 hours of course work has been completed, the Office of Professional Preparation and Licensure (OPPL) will recommend to the Indiana Professional Standards Board that gifted and talented education be added to your teaching license.

## ***LICENSURE EVALUATION***

The College of Education Office of Professional Preparation and Licensure (OPPL) handles professional education licensure for Purdue University. All GT licensure students should request an OPPL evaluation as soon as possible in their GT licensure program by contacting OPPL and asking to be sent an Evaluation Request form for the gifted and talented licensure program. On question #12 on this form, check "Gifted and Talented Education". The one-time evaluation fee is \$35. All candidates who register with OPPL will be placed on the GERI summer and field course mailing lists so they will receive timely information about future course offerings.

## ***LICENSURE PROGRAM APPLICATION***

The procedure for applying to the licensure program depends on whether you (a) hold a teacher's license and wish to add this area to your license, (b) are seeking a masters degree in addition to completing these licensure requirements, or (c) are currently enrolled as an undergraduate student in teacher education. Students who fall under (a) and (b) should contact the College of Education Office of Graduate Studies, while undergraduates should see their academic advisors. More details on application procedures are on the back of this form.

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(a) **Licensure-only Candidates:** Applicants with a valid teaching license need to complete a graduate school application for **licensure** as early as possible in their program (be sure to click on “Teacher license-non-degree” in the drop down box, under enrollment objective on the electronic application form). Indicate on the application that you want to pursue the GT licensure and work with Dr. Sidney Moon. Your application must be accompanied by a \$55 application fee, a photocopy of your evaluation from OPPL (see above), and two official transcripts from all universities attended.

**Note:** If you have previously been accepted as a licensure candidate but have not taken courses on the Purdue campus for a full calendar year, you will need to complete a renewal application prior to registering for class and pay an additional \$55 application fee.

(b) **Masters Degree Candidates:** Applicants who plan to work toward both licensure and masters degree in education must take the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) and submit a complete graduate application (be sure to select “Masters Degree” in the drop down box, under enrollment objective on the electronic application form). The application includes a \$55 application fee, official GRE test scores, two official transcripts from all universities attended, a 300-500 word statement of purpose, and three completed recommendation forms. Indicate on the application that you are interested in gifted education and want to work with Dr. Marcia Gentry.

(c) **Undergraduate Candidates:** Undergraduates may begin the GT licensure program in the summer following their sophomore year, providing that they are officially classified as a semester 5 student by the university. All of the licensure courses with 500 numbers are open to undergraduates i.e. all of the courses in the GT licensure program except the graduate seminar (EDPS 631) and the Practicum in Gifted Education (EDPS 695G). University regulations specify that 500 level courses taken by undergraduates when they are classified as semester 5 or 6 must be placed on an undergraduate plan of study. However, 500 level courses taken by undergraduates when they are classified as semester 7 or 8 can be either placed on the undergraduate plan of study OR reserved for graduate credit by completing form 350 (Academic Record Change), providing the student has a GPA of 3.0 at the time they complete Form 350 must be completed prior to the first day of class. To receive graduate credit, undergraduate students must earn a grade of A or B in the class. Undergraduates can reserve up to twelve hours of 500 level coursework for graduate credit before they graduate. Undergraduate GT licensure candidates are encouraged to apply to the Graduate School as a licensure candidate as described in (a) above the semester prior to graduation.

The ideal progression for a teacher education student who wishes to begin working on GT licensure as an undergraduate is shown below:

Semester 5 Students: EDPS 540 (summer after the sophomore year) and OPPL evaluation

Semester 7 Students: EDPS 541 and EDPS 542 (summer after the junior year)  
GT licensure program application

Graduates: EDPS 695G and 3 credit elective

## FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The advisor for all licensure candidates is Dr. Sidney Moon, Professor and Director of the Gifted Education Resource Institute. If you have questions about your **GT** licensure program, please contact Dr. Moon at (sidney@purdue.edu). If you want to register for GT licensure classes, please contact Jill Brady (bradyj@purdue.edu). We look forward to working with you!

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