Options for the Director of Special Education

There are several options to obtain the endorsement, they are outlined a PowerPoint presentation from the State [http://www.isbe.net/licensure/ppt/lic-officer-trng/2015/webinar6-151014.pdf](http://www.isbe.net/licensure/ppt/lic-officer-trng/2015/webinar6-151014.pdf)

Option A for individuals who do not have an Approval for Administrator of Special Education and do not have a valid Illinois license already endorsed in an administrative field.

* Hold a Master’s degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution.
* Professional Education License document 2 years will-time special education teaching or serving as a school social worker, school psychologist, or speech language pathology on a valid license.
* Complete an approved Illinois program for Director of Special Education
* Successful completion of the **Illinois State Certification Testing System** Test of Basic Skills, starting Sept 11, 2010 #300 or the **Test of Academic Proficiency** #400* (starting Feb 1, 2012).
* Pass the Director of Special Education content-area test (180)

Option B for individuals who held an Approval for Administrator of Special Education (these approvals expired in 2005).

* Hold a valid administrative endorsement
* Hold a Master’s degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution.
* Professional Education License document 2 years will-time special education teaching or serving as a school social worker, school psychologist, or speech language pathology on a valid license.
* Complete an approved Illinois program for Director of Special Education
* Successful completion of the **Illinois State Certification Testing System** Test of Basic Skills, starting Sept 11, 2010 #300 or the **Test of Academic Proficiency** #400* (starting Feb 1, 2012).
* Pass the Director of Special Education content-area test (180)

Option C to make an application to add the DSE to a valid Illinois license already endorsed in an administrative field

* Hold a Master’s degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution.
* Professional Education License document 2 years will-time special education teaching or serving as a school social worker, school psychologist, or speech language pathology on a valid license.
* Successful completion of the **Illinois State Certification Testing System** Test of Basic Skills, starting Sept 11, 2010 #300 or the **Test of Academic Proficiency** #400* (starting Feb 1, 2012).
* Pass the Director of Special Education content-area test (180)
* Complete 30 semester hours in the following areas and must include:
  * Special Education Law (LEEA 726)
  * Special Education Finance (LEEA 521)
  * Supervision of Programs for Children with Disabilities (LEEA 577)
  * Cross-categorical Special Education methods (by transcript eval or SESE 601, 602, 604, and 606)

  The remainder of the 30 hours of course work may be completed using the courses listed below,
  * Curricular adaptations/modification and assistive technology (by transcript eval or SESE 604)
  * Facilitation of Least Restrictive Environment for all Students (by transcript eval or SESE 554)
  * Characteristics of students with disabilities (by transcript eval or SESE 540)
  * Collaboration with parents and school personnel (by transcript eval or SESE 765)
  * Transition services for students with disabilities (by transcript eval or SESE 559)
  * Educational and psychological diagnosis and remedial techniques (by transcript eval or ETR 524)

*The ACT+writing or SAT maybe substituted for the TAP exam.  (Aug 2016)*