



SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION

Illinois State University

“Communication Education & Administration” Area of Concentration in the School of Teaching & Learning’s Doctorate Program

Program Philosophy & Curriculum:

The School of Teaching and Learning’s Ed.D. program includes training in curriculum design, instruction, and assessment, as well as analysis of contemporary issues in education. Faculty in the Ed.D. program bring deep content knowledge in disciplinary fields, as well as expertise in both qualitative and quantitative methodologies. Students will engage in course work and other experiences so that they may demonstrate the advanced knowledge and skills required to: Design curriculum, instruction, and assessment in appropriate educational contexts, Study complex problems within teacher education contexts through teacher research and reflective practice, Analyze contemporary educational issues from multiple perspectives, and Provide responsible leadership in teacher education.

The School of Communication approaches the study of human communication from humanistic, social scientific, and critical perspectives. Our curriculum includes graduate seminars that examine a wide range of topics in the study of human communication, including interpersonal communication, small group communication, mass communication, organizational communication, intercultural communication, persuasion, public relations, rhetoric, training & development, social media, and quantitative, qualitative, and rhetorical research methods. Our faculty is ranked in the top-10 for productivity by the Communication Institute for Online Scholarship.

Career Options:

The doctorate in the Teaching and Learning program, with an area of concentration in Communication Education & Administration, prepares candidates for a variety of leadership positions, such as basic communication course director, curriculum specialist for K-12 communication education programs, higher education faculty positions, academic administrator or department chair, and instructional specialist.

Admission Application:

Complete the online Admission Application to the Graduate Doctoral Program in the *School of Teaching and Learning* at: <https://connect.illinoisstate.edu/apply/>. To be eligible, applicants must have completed a master’s degree or equivalent, have three years of teaching experience, and submit the following for review:

- ✓ GRE score
- ✓ Official transcripts from colleges or universities other than ISU
- ✓ Professional Goals Statement with research interest
- ✓ Writing Sample
- ✓ Professional Resume, with evidence of three years of teaching experience
- ✓ Three letters of recommendation
- ✓ International students should submit a TOEFL or IELTS score

Assistantship Application:

Complete the online Graduate Assistantship Application for the *School of Communication* at: <https://www.jobs.ilstu.edu> (then click “Graduate Assistant Postings”).

- ✓ To ensure full consideration, your application should be submitted no later than *February 1st for a Fall* admission.
- ✓ Be prepared to upload a Statement of Teaching Interest in which you describe your background and experiences that will contribute to your success as an instructor. You will also need to upload some duplicates of materials submitted on the admissions application.
- ✓ Please submit the assistantship application at the time you submit the admission application as the deadlines are the same.
- ✓ Graduate teaching assistants are trained to teach the basic communication course and/or to perform other services for the School of Communication.
- ✓ Assistantships carry a full-tuition waiver and monthly stipend.
- ✓ A minimum 3.30 master’s degree GPA is required to be a teaching assistant. Award recipients are selected among eligible applicants on a competitive basis.

For More Information:

- ✓ Please visit our website (<http://communication.illinoisstate.edu/graduate/>) for information regarding our faculty, graduate seminars, and degree options.
- ✓ To discuss your application or our program, please contact: Dr. Aimee Miller-Ott, Graduate Coordinator, Campus Box 4480, Normal, IL 61790-4480, Office: (309) 438-3277, E-mail: aeott@ilstu.edu