



#### WHAT TESTS WILL I HAVE TO TAKE?

In order to apply for a professional educator license in the State of Illinois you must take and pass the Music Content Exam and the EdTPA. Note that the edTPA is currently suspended, due to the pandemic, until fall 2021.

#### WHEN MUST I TAKE AND PASS THESE TESTS?

The Music Content Exam must be taken and passed the semester prior to your student teaching semester. Most students choose to take this computer based exam after completing most of their coursework in their final year at the college. The EdTPA is taken during your student teaching semester.

#### WHAT IS ON THESE TESTS?

The Music Content Test assesses your knowledge of music theory, listening, creating and performing music, music history and culture and music education. The EdTPA is a portfolio student teachers compile and submit to an outside grader that contains questions, reflection, and video pertaining to planning, instructing and assessing in the classroom.

#### WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE DETAILS, AND ARE THERE STUDY GUIDES?

For all official information about these tests, go to [www.icts.nesinc.com](http://www.icts.nesinc.com). The website includes registration information, study guides, and practice tests.

#### HOW MUCH DO THEY COST, AND HOW DO I REGISTER?

The Music Content exam's current cost is \$122. The EdTPA is a \$300 assessment that is charged to a student teacher's VanderCook bill and a voucher is issued to the student. Registration is done online at [www.icts.nesinc.com](http://www.icts.nesinc.com) and the test is taken at an assigned computer center.

#### CAN I RETAKE THE TEST IF I FAIL?

ISBE allows unlimited attempts to pass each test. Prepare to pass the Music Content on the first try, but PLAN AHEAD and leave yourself time to retake a test if necessary.

#### DO I NEED TO TURN IN MY SCORES?

Be sure to indicate that you want VanderCook to receive your scores.