

**Proposal for a new prerequisite for admission to the Teacher Education Program**

G203 (Communication for Youth Serving Professionals) is required as a prerequisite for admission to the Teacher Education Program. This policy will become effective for students matriculating in Summer 2018 or later.

### **Requirement of EDUC G203 for all IUB Teacher Education candidates**

In AY 2015-16, SoE Policy Council approved (on the recommendation of the Committee on Teacher Education, after approval by the Teacher Education Program Coordinators Council) the requirement of EDUC G203 (Communication for Youth Serving Professionals) for all students newly certified into the IUB School of Education. The rationale was that this would serve as a gateway course to teaching, and that the service learning component and associated course-based reflection in G203 would provide faculty with important information on prospective candidates' suitability for teaching. G203 is one of three courses that fulfills the university's Oral Communication requirement.

Because of the wording of the approved policy, however, this requirement does not technically apply to all students: Those students who are Direct Admits (who bypass certification into the School of Education) may have fulfilled the IUB Oral Communication requirement through high school courses, and thus would not be required to take G203 in order to be admitted to the IUB Teacher Education Program. With increasing number of Direct Admits, this means that fewer and fewer students take the course that was intended as an introduction to the field.

The Teacher Education Program Coordinators Council took up this issue again and agreed that the original intent had been to require G203 for all students, not only those who are certified after matriculating at IUB; that is, there was no intent to exclude Direct Admits. The Committee on Teacher Education then considered this issue and voted at the Jan. 30, 2018, meeting to require G203 for all students in order to be admitted to the Teacher Education Program, effective with students matriculating to IUB in Summer, 2018, and later.