

OUR STUDENTS ARE IN DEMAND.

“The students from the University of Illinois are extremely well prepared and ready to continue their learning in the classroom. They are prepared, responsible, and professional.”

—Melissa Hirsch, assistant superintendent, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, Northbrook | Glenview School District 30

“The University of Illinois candidates this year and in recent years have been outstanding. They are so knowledgeable, hardworking, and positive—all qualities I am very much looking for in new teachers. I’ve hired three University of Illinois students to fill classroom positions for the upcoming school year”

—Colette Bell, principal, Anne Fox Elementary School, Hanover Park, Illinois

“We have had many strong student teachers that take on leadership roles in their grade levels. I feel that they keep us on our feet about being honest and real about our practices and instruction.”

—Jonathan Kosovski, principal, International Prep Academy in Champaign

97%

of our 2018 graduates with teaching degrees plus licensure are employed in the field of education



Amanda Fagenson is recognized by peers for her teaching skills

Because of her skill in the classroom, first year teacher Amanda Fagenson was selected as one of four Chicago Public Schools (CPS) educators to be observed in her classroom by peers and colleagues, including the chief executive officer of CPS, Janice K. Jackson.

While many new teachers would feel nervous about this level of scrutiny, Fagenson was comfortable. The College of Education afforded her six opportunities to be observed as a student teacher giving her the confidence and experience to succeed in her own classroom.