



## Professional Organizations for Lewis University College of Education Students Mission & Membership Information

### General

#### Associated Colleges of Illinois

“Associated Colleges of Illinois helps first-generation, minority and low-income students succeed in college, career and life, supports member schools advancing liberal arts education.”

**Membership Information:** <http://acifund.org/funding/>

Student FREE

#### Association for Middle Level Education

“The Association for Middle Level Education is dedicated to improving the educational experiences of all students’ ages 10 to 15 by providing vision, knowledge, and resources to educators and leaders.”

**Membership Information:** <https://www.amle.org/membership.aspx>

Associate FREE

#### ASCD - Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development

“ASCD is a global community dedicated to excellence in learning, teaching, and leading.”

“Our primary focus is on transformational leadership, global engagement, poverty and equity, redefining student success, and teaching and learning—the components you need to help advance student achievement and support them holistically.”

**Membership Information:** <http://www.ascd.org/memberships.aspx>

Student \$29 annually

#### IL-ASCD - Illinois Association For Supervision And Curriculum Development

“Our organization is interested in issues, trends, and research that relate to learning, teaching and leading.”

“We offer leadership institutes, workshops, and programs that focus on the quality of teaching and learning. Programs can be tailored to meet the needs of schools or districts and address curriculum development, instruction, assessment, grading and/or supervision.”

**Membership Information:** <https://www.illinoisascd.org/become-a-member>

Student \$15 annually

#### Illinois Association of Teacher Educators

“The Illinois Association of Teacher Educators (IATE) is an organization which reaches out to teacher educators in schools at all levels from pre-school through college and post-graduate education.”

**Membership Information:** [http://www.iate1.org/uploads/1/1/5/5/11556349/iate\\_membershipbrochure\\_best\\_both\\_9-2014.pdf](http://www.iate1.org/uploads/1/1/5/5/11556349/iate_membershipbrochure_best_both_9-2014.pdf)

Student \$15 annually

#### National Association of Catholic School Teachers

“NACST stands ready to assist teachers in individual schools as well as school systems throughout the United States to achieve empowerment through recognition of their teacher organization and its subsequent representation of them in the process of collective bargaining.”

**Membership Information:** <http://www.nacst.com/membership.shtml>

### Early Childhood

#### Council for Exceptional Children’s Division of Early Childhood

“The Council for Exceptional Children is a professional association of educators dedicated to advancing the success of children with exceptionalities. We accomplish our mission through advocacy, standards, and professional development.”

**Membership Information:** <https://www.cec.sped.org/Membership>

Student \$50 annually

#### NAEYC - National Association for the Education of Young Children

“The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) is a professional membership organization that works to promote high-quality early learning for all young children, birth through age 8, by connecting early childhood practice, policy, and research.”

**Membership Information:** <https://www.naeyc.org/membership/>

Student \$37 annually

IL-AEYC – Illinois Association for the Education of Young Children

“The Illinois Association for the Education of Young Children is a membership organization whose mission is to facilitate the optimal development of young children by advocating for the rights, needs, and well-being of young children and educating, supporting, and collaborating with individuals and organizations working in direct or indirect service to young children.”

**Membership Information:** <http://illinoisaeyc.org/membership>

Student \$37 annually

**Technology**International Society for Technology in Education

““What if” is the seed of an idea that grows only when we dare to share it. When we allow many minds to dream and wonder, and add their what-ifs to ours, we nurture and grow great ideas”

**Membership Information:** <http://www.iste.org/getinvolved/become-a-member/individual-membership>

Student \$125 annually

Illinois Computing Educators

“The mission of Illinois Computing Educators is to lead the educational community in enhancing learning through technology.”

**Membership Information:** <http://iceberg.org/membership>

Basic FREE

**Special Education**AAIDD - American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

“AAIDD promotes progressive policies, sound research, effective practices, and universal human rights for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.”

**Membership Information:** <http://aaid.org/about-aaid/membership-join/join#.WFBcVKIrKCO>

Basic \$85 annually

APSE - Association of People Supporting Employment First

“People with all types of disabilities are employed, pursuing careers and building assets just like people without disabilities. Through advocacy and education, APSE advances employment and self-sufficiency for all people with disabilities.”

**Membership Information:** <http://apse.org/membership/join/>

Student \$50 annually

Council for Exceptional Children

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**Membership Information:** <http://www.cec.sped.org/Membership/New-Membership-Options>

Student \$53 annually

Illinois Council for Exceptional Children

“The Illinois Council for Exceptional Children meets the needs of its members by providing professional development, advocacy, networking, and information to improve the quality of life for individuals with exceptionalities, and their families.”

**Membership Information:** <http://illinoiscec.org/membership-types-and-rates/>

Basic \$65 annually

Learning Disabilities Association of America

“LDA Visualizes a World in Which: all individuals with learning disabilities are empowered to thrive and participate fully in society; the incidence of learning disabilities is reduced; and learning disabilities are universally understood and effectively addressed. LDA’s mission is to create opportunities for success for all individuals affected by learning disabilities and to reduce the incidence of learning disabilities in future generations.”

**Membership Information:** <https://ldaamerica.org/membership/join-lda/>

Student \$25 annually

National Association of Special Education Teachers

“The mission of The National Association of Special Education Teachers (NASSET) is to render all possible support and assistance to professionals who teach children with special needs. NASSET seeks to promote standards of excellence and innovation in special education research, practice, and policy in order to foster exceptional teaching for exceptional children.”

**Membership Information:** <http://www.naset.org/memberecats.0.html>

Student \$50 annually

TASH

“TASH is an international leader in disability advocacy. Founded in 1975, TASH advocates for human rights and inclusion for people with significant disabilities and support needs – those most vulnerable to segregation, abuse, neglect and institutionalization. TASH works to advance inclusive communities through advocacy, research, professional development, policy, and information and resources for parents, families and self-advocates. The inclusive practices TASH validates through research have been shown to improve outcomes for all people”

**Membership Information:** <http://tash.org/join/>

Student \$45 annually

### English Language Learners/Multicultural Education

#### TESOL - Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages

“Advancing Excellence in English Language Teaching.”

**Membership Information:** <http://www.tesol.org/about-tesol/tesol-membership>

Student \$35 annually

#### ITBE – Illinois Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages – Bilingual Education

“The Illinois TESOL-BE is a professional, nonprofit organization which supports research and instruction in the teaching of standard English to speakers of other language or dialect and in bilingual education.”

**Membership Information:** <http://www.itbe.org/membership.php>

Student \$20 annually

#### The National Association for Multicultural Education

“NAME is a non-profit organization that advances and advocates for equity and social justice through multicultural education.”

**Membership Information:** <http://www.nameorg.org/membership.php>

Student \$40 annually

#### Illinois Association of Multilingual Multicultural Education

“To promote and develop professional competence and standards in educational services for linguistically and culturally diverse students in cooperation with teacher training institutions; national, state, and local educational agencies; and professional as well as community organizations.”

**Membership Information:** [http://www.iamme.org/membership\\_information.php](http://www.iamme.org/membership_information.php)

Student \$15 annually

### Math

#### National Council of Teachers of Mathematics

“The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics is the global leader and foremost authority in mathematics education, ensuring that each and every student has access to the highest quality mathematics teaching and learning. We envision a world where everyone is enthused about mathematics, sees the value and beauty of mathematics, and is empowered by the opportunities mathematics affords.”

**Membership Information:** <http://www.nctm.org/Membership/Membership-Options-for-Individuals/>

Student \$47 annually

#### Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics

“The purposes of ICTM are to encourage an active interest in all areas of mathematics and mathematics education, to enhance the teaching and learning of mathematics and the role of mathematics in other disciplines, to promote research in the teaching and learning of mathematics, and to provide opportunities for exchange of views regarding the teaching and learning of mathematics.”

**Membership Information:** <https://ictm.memberclicks.net/join-us>

Student \$20 annually

### Foreign Language

#### American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages

“The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) is dedicated to the improvement and expansion of the teaching and learning of all languages at all levels of instruction. ACTFL is an individual membership organization of more than 12,500 language educators and administrators from elementary through graduate education, as well as government and industry.”

**Membership Information:** <https://www.actfl.org/membership/join-actfl/levels-fees>

Basic \$45 annually

### Literacy

#### International Literacy Association

“Our mission is to empower educators, inspire students, and encourage leaders with the resources they need to make literacy accessible for all.”

**Membership Information:** <https://www.literacyworldwide.org/membership>

Student \$30 annually

#### Illinois Reading Council

“The Illinois Reading Council advocates quality literacy opportunities for all learners and serves as a primary organization that provides educators at all levels access to research, materials, and methodologies to promote and teach lifelong literacy and learning.”

**Membership Information:** <http://www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org/membership.html>

Pre Service \$25 annually

#### Will County Reading Council

“Our mission is to provide support and leadership to all who promote and teach lifelong literacy.”

**Membership Information:** <http://www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org/membership.html>

Pre Service \$25 annually (Please note that membership in Will County Reading Council INCLUDES membership in the Illinois Reading Council not \$25 each, but \$25 total for both.)

National Council for Teachers of English

“The Council promotes the development of literacy, the use of language to construct personal and public worlds and to achieve full participation in society, through the learning and teaching of English and the related arts and sciences of language.”

**Membership Information:** <https://secure.ncte.org/join/>

Student \$25 annually

Illinois Association for Teachers of English

“The mission of the Illinois Association of Teachers of English is to improve the quality of instruction in English at all educational levels; to encourage research, experimentation, and investigation in the teaching of English; to facilitate professional cooperation of the members; to hold public discussions and programs; to sponsor the publication of desirable articles and reports; and to integrate the efforts of all those who are concerned with the improvement of instruction in English.”

**Membership Information:** <http://iateonline.org/iate-membership/>

Student FREE

### Social Sciences

The National Council for the Social Studies

“Social studies educators teach students the content knowledge, intellectual skills, and civic values necessary for fulfilling the duties of citizenship in a participatory democracy. The mission of National Council for the Social Studies is to provide leadership, service, and support for all social studies educators.”

**Membership Information:** <http://socialstudies.org/membership/individual>

Student \$43 annually

Illinois Council for the Social Studies

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**Membership Information:** [http://www.illinoiscss.org/uploads/1/1/0/0/11005793/icss\\_membership\\_form.pdf](http://www.illinoiscss.org/uploads/1/1/0/0/11005793/icss_membership_form.pdf)

Student \$15 annually

### Science

National Science Teachers Association

“NSTA’s Guiding Principles: Model excellence; champion science literacy; value scientific excellence; embrace diversity, equity, and respect; enhance teaching and learning through research; collaborate with partners; and exemplify a dynamic professional organization.”

**Membership Information:** <http://www.nsta.org/membership/>

Student \$39 annually

Northern Illinois Science Educators

“The focus of NISE is to provide professional development opportunities for pre-kindergarten to post-secondary science educators in northern Illinois through workshops and conferences..”

**Membership Information:** <http://www.nise.us/index.html>