Please read and follow directions carefully.

1. Your ILAS application is a representation of you as a professional. To make that image a positive one, compose your personal statement carefully.
2. Ask someone you trust to proofread your application before you make copies.
3. When you are satisfied, submit the required number (5) copies to Faraday 323, Office of Secondary Science Education Certification, by the deadline. Be sure to make an extra copy for your own files.

Coordinator for Secondary Science Education Certification: Judy Boisen, jboisen@niu.edu
Coordinator Science Teacher Certification
Faraday 323, 815-753-6819
http://www.niu.edu/sstc/

TURN IN APPLICATIONS TO: Judy Boisen, Faraday 323
FALL PLACEMENT APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 15th

ELIGIBILITY
• You must have passed the Basic Skills Test prior to the first day of the semester for which you request placement. Website: www.icts.nesinc.com

TYPE THE ILAS APPLICATION, INCLUDING YOUR PERSONAL STATEMENT
Applications are available at: http://www.niu.edu/tcert/images/301app.pdf
• Proofread it carefully, turn in FIVE copies, and keep an extra copy for your own records.

PERMITS/PERMISSION TO REGISTER
• One week before registration for the semester begins you will be able to pick up your PERMISSION TO REGISTER FORM in Faraday 323, Office of Secondary Science Teacher Certification.
• You will need the permit number on the form to register for ILAS 301 through MyNIU.
• This permit form will indicate the time and location of the first class meeting.
• Please register for this class first.
Course Description:
ILAS 301 is a 50-hour clinical observation course designed to focus upon issues in adolescent development and learning relevant to successful teaching of science; 25 hours are completed at the high school level, 25 hours at the middle school level. In both cases, students will work with science teachers. Important issues at this level include middle school philosophy and teams, diversity, lesson and unit planning, and current issues in secondary education. Students will attend six seminars and complete related assignments to address these issues.

Important Note:
The teacher certification programs in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences prepare students to become exceptional professionals. As a student in a teacher certification program at Northern Illinois University, you are a representative of the university in the schools. You are permitted in schools as prospective teachers because teachers and administrative staff of those schools have confidence in the quality of our programs. Students exhibiting unprofessional behavior in any clinical will be removed from the course.

You need to know the following before you register for the course:

1. **The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Office of Teacher Certification is responsible for your school placements.** You may have to travel an hour or more to your sites. Every effort will be made to avoid this situation, but there is no guarantee that your school placements will be close to your home. Please note: You do not make arrangements for your own placements, but you will need to provide your own transportation to the clinical sites.

2. **Attendance is required** at all class meetings. All 301 sessions are Mondays from 4-5:50 PM. You will be unable to register for other classes in this time slot.

3. **Your school assignments** will be distributed at the initial class meeting. You will receive the name, address, and telephone number of your assigned schools. All subsequent work for the semester will be explained at this time.

4. **Your grade in ILAS 301 (S or U) is reported** by the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. It is assigned based on the evaluations of your course instructor and your cooperating teachers in the public schools, and on the quality of your written work. You will receive a grade of S only if you have satisfactorily met all the requirements for the clinical observations and seminars.