SECTION B – Recorded, but further approval needed before inclusion in the Undergraduate Catalog

Retention
A minimum GPA of 2.50 in all undergraduate course work at NIU and a minimum 3.00 GPA in all graduate course work at NIU. Satisfactory review of progress with the physics education coordinator each semester after admission to the certification program.

Students must earn a grade of C or better on all coursework required for the degree and all coursework specifically required for teaching certification. This includes all physics, chemistry and math courses, pedagogy, and written communication, oral communication, and psychology general education classes. Higher numbered courses may be substituted if approved by the certification coordinator. Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.50 in all undergraduate course work at NIU and a minimum 3.00 GPA in all graduate course work at NIU. They must maintain a minimum combined GPA of 2.70 in NIU courses numbered 200 and above in physical and biological sciences and mathematics. Students must complete a satisfactory review of progress each semester with the departmental certification coordinator.

Prior to applying for student teaching, students must take and pass the ICTS Physics Content Test. In order to best prepare, students should complete PHYS 253, PHYS 273, PHYS 283, PHYS 284, PHYS 300, PHYS 320, PHYS 367, PHYS 370, PHYS 374, and PHYS 375 before taking the test.

Students must take and pass the ICTS Assessment of Professional Teaching test before completion of the program.