Test of English Proficiency for International AI Candidates (TEPAIC)

TEPAIC Exams:
The TEPAIC exams are given four times per academic year. For the 2007-2008 academic year the exams are scheduled in Memorial Hall 315 (MM315) on the following dates:

**August 2007**
Monday, August 20, and Tuesday, August 21
2:00-7:00 p.m. Interviews
Appeal Exam: Wednesday, August 22

**November 2007**
Monday, November 12
2:00-7:00 p.m. Interviews
Appeal Exam: Wednesday, November 14

The 2008 TEPAIC dates will be set in November 2007, and are unavailable at the time of this mailing. However, once the dates are determined they will be updated on the Dean of the Faculties website.

Students may register for the exam during the two-week period prior to the exams between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and noon, and between 1:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. with Karla Reynolds in the Department of Second Language Studies, Memorial Hall 315. After receiving their TEPAIC oral interview results, students who wish to take the Appeal Exam (described below) may sign up with Karla Reynolds.

The registration process to take the Appeal Exam will begin 24 hours after the TEPAIC oral interviews are completed. Students must go to Memorial Hall 315 to choose their 30-minute time slot and receive a description of the Appeal Exam. The Appeal Exams will be given as soon as possible after the 15-minute TEPAIC oral interviews and will continue until all students have been tested.

The information following describes the significant elements of the testing and training program currently in place at IU-Bloomington to ensure that remediation in English proficiency is available to all potential AI appointees.

**Departmental Memo**
A departmental memo is required before any international graduate student may register for the TEPAIC. The student may bring the memo from the academic department which intends to employ him/her as an AI or the department may send a list by campus mail, fax, or email to Karla Reynolds (fax: 5-5605, e-mail: kjbastin@indiana.edu).

**Returning Candidates**
Students who have taken the TEPAIC before but who have not yet been certified to teach will take the current test, consisting of a 15-minute interview; they may also be required to take a 45-minute composition. For a full description of TEPAIC, including scoring standards, visit: http://www.iub.edu/~deanfac/tepaic/
New Candidates
Associate Instructor candidates entering IU in Fall Semester 2007 can register for the TEPAIC by presenting a departmental memo indicating that they are eligible to do so. That eligibility is dependent on preliminary certification of their language skill, based either on meeting minimum TOEFL requirements (see the TEPAIC website for details on the TOEFL requirements: http://www.iub.edu/~deanfac/tepaic/toefl.html) or successfully taking the Indiana English Proficiency Exam (IEPE) and associated SLS T501 courses.

The TEPAIC consists of a 15-minute interview only; there is no writing component to the exam. If students pass the oral interview, the TEPAIC testing process is finished and they will be certified “to engage in the direct instruction of undergraduate students at Indiana University.” After candidates are thus certified, all other hiring issues are the responsibility of the departments.

Appeal Exam
New students who do not pass the 15-minute oral interview and receive a “Borderline Fail” (NC4) result for their TEPAIC exam can appeal this result and register to take the Appeal Exam, which includes a 10-minute oral interview, a 10-minute teaching demonstration, a 5-minute office-hour role play, and a 5-minute question-answer session. This exam will allow students to demonstrate their English skills in a pedagogical context. If students pass the Appeal Exam, the TEPAIC testing process will be finished, and they will be certified to teach.

Faculty Involvement
A team of three evaluators will observe each Appeal Exam; two will be specialists in English as a Second Language from the Department of Second Language Studies, and one will be an undergraduate student. A faculty member from the candidate’s department will also be invited to observe the exam.

G530: Communication Skills for International AIs
Students who receive an “NC4” on the TEPAIC or on the Appeal Exam may enroll in G530: “Communication Skills for International Associate Instructors.” This graduate course helps students improve their language skills, teaching presentation skills, and learn about the academic and cultural background of IU undergraduates. For more information about this course, see the course description: http://www.indiana.edu/~college/graduate/InternationalAI/G530.shtml and http://registrar.indiana.edu/scheduleoclasses/prl/soc4078/GRAD/GRAD-G530.html or contact Elizabeth Merceron (bmercero@indiana.edu).

For further information about the TEPAIC exam, please contact either Karla Reynolds (57951; kjbastin@indiana.edu) or Beverly Rolfs (61195; tepaic@indiana.edu), or visit their webpage at: http://www.iub.edu/~deanfac/tepaic/