

Accelerated Bridge to Education

Lincoln College–Normal

ABE

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Accelerated Bridge to Education Program and Bachelor Certificate Admission Requirements

Lincoln College is a learner-centered institution and is committed to the success of our adult students. Focusing on the educational process, it is our experience that students who have worked full-time for at least four years (post high school) are best prepared to participate meaningfully in our adult programs.

The interactive nature of our courses requires students to be able to apply classroom theory to real work/professional situations, and students who lack this professional background may not be as successful in achieving course outcomes.

All ABE students are considered degree-seeking students and are required to apply and be accepted to Lincoln College prior to enrollment in courses.

Bachelor Degree Admission Requirements

- Complete the Application for Admission including the required four years-post high school- full-time employment. See the Appeal for Admission section if you do not meet this requirement.
- Complete application a minimum of 25 days before the start of classes to ensure optimal course availability.
- Submit Personal Statement. Required with the application for all degree-seeking students.
- Request transcripts from all accredited institutions previously attended.
- Request transcripts from high school *only if student has not earned more than 12 college credit hours*.

Bachelor Certificate Admission Requirements

- Complete the Application for Admission
- Application Deadline. The application for admission deadline is three weeks prior to the start of the session. Applications received after the deadline will be moved to the next session.
- Students do NOT need to submit transcripts or personal statement. NOTE: certificate program students are limited to taking a maximum of 18 credit hours and are NOT eligible for financial aid or veteran's benefits. If students decide to become degree-seeking, they must meet all admission and degree requirements of the ABE undergraduate program selected.

Personal Statement

Complete a 1 page, typed personal statement which answers all of the following questions:

- Why are you interested in the ABE Program?
- How do your professional and academic goals relate to the ABE Program?
- What qualities do you possess that would help you be a successful student?
- How have you prepared yourself to balance your family, work, academic, and other commitments in order to succeed in the ABE Program?

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Appeal for Admission

The assumption of the College is that by working for a period of time prior to the pursuit of a college degree, the students will have attained considerable knowledge, maturity and discipline not found in younger students.

There are instances however, where some students who lack four years of full-time post high school work experience may have other personal or professional experiences that will enable them to contribute to the richness of our classroom discussions. In this case students should submit a letter of appeal that includes information about:

- Work history
- Nature and scope of work responsibilities
- How work and other experiences will enable the student to be successful in the adult classroom at Lincoln College

Submit Materials by email or postal mail to:

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