

## Illinois State University Early Childhood Education Transfer Guide (2018-2019 Catalog)

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**Transfer guides are produced as a service to MCC students. Every effort is made to maintain up-to-date and accurate information; however, this information is subject to change. Such changes take precedence over the information on this guide. Students should work with an MCC advisor and the four-year transfer school. Responsibility for complying with all applicable requirements ultimately rests with the student.**

The State of Illinois and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) approve Illinois State University's Early Childhood Education Teacher Education Program (from Birth through Grade 2). Students choose one of the following focus areas to fulfill the 9 hours of elective credit in the program: ESL English as a Second Language, Reading Teacher, Bilingual Education, or Special Education.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** ISU's Early Childhood Education program has been revised to meet the new Illinois Professional Teaching Standards (IPTTS), including Common Core Standards that apply to the teaching of students. This transfer guide includes MCC coursework approved by ISU to count toward the University's Early Childhood Education program.

### Transfer Options

- **RedBird Promise** guaranteed admission to the University (not to specific major) - Specific requirements are as follows:
  - Complete the Redbird Promise Participation Form.
  - Complete AA or AS degree prior to Illinois State enrollment.
  - Achieve a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.4/4.0 in all transferable academic coursework (at all colleges/universities attended) and be in good academic standing at your community college.
- **Completion of the AA degree or the Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Core Curriculum (IAI GECC) prior to transfer is strongly recommended but not required.**
- **General Education** – The following options satisfy ISU's general education requirements for transfer students:
  - IAI GECC, including an AMALI course (cultures and traditions of Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America, or Indigenous Peoples of the World)
  - An MCC AA degree (or AS degree granted under MCC's 2015/16 or prior catalogs), including an AMALI course
  - Satisfying ISU University-wide general education requirements does not ensure that general education requirements for teacher licensure have been met. The Early Childhood Education program requires specific general education courses.
- **For students who transfer prior to completing an AA degree or the IAI core:**
  - ISU credit can be transferred back to MCC for completion of AA degree.
  - IAI core may be completed at ISU by taking ISU-approved IAI courses.

### General Admission Guidelines

- Submit an online application to the Office of Admissions for acceptance into the University as an Early Childhood Education major. Application to the University one year in advance of the semester you would like to enroll is recommended.
- **Application Deadlines** – Early application during preferred filing period is recommended. Early application allows participation in advanced course registration. Students applying or submitting required documents after the preferred filing period will be admitted as space permits. Deadlines are subject to change. For admission details, please refer to this website: <http://admissions.illinoisstate.edu/>.
  - **Summer & Fall:** Application Deadline – May 1; Required Document Deadline – June 1; Preferred Filing Period – September 1 – January 1
  - **Spring:** Application Deadline – November 1; Required Document Deadline – November 1; Preferred Filing Period – April 1 – August 1.

- **Admission GPA Calculation – Minimum 3.0 GPA** for consideration. For repeat courses, ISU uses the last repeated grade for calculating admission GPA. Admission is competitive and selective. Highest admission consideration is granted to transfer students with the strongest academic preparation. Cumulative GPA and progress toward completion of general education and major program degree requirements are the most important factors in admission decisions. The middle 50% GPA range of students admitted to the major is 3.14-3.51.
- **Testing Requirement**  
**Successful completion of one of the following basic skills exams is strongly recommended prior to enrolling.** Proof of successful completion is a prerequisite for student teaching.
  - **Illinois Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP)**
  - **ACT**
    - ACT Plus Writing with composite Score of 22 or higher and minimum of 6 in writing – Two score reports may be submitted: one with a passing composite score and one with a passing writing score. (Note: ACT changed its scoring for the writing portion. Prior to 9/1/16, the scoring for the writing portion was 16.)
    - If ACT was taken prior to 9/1/15 – ACT Plus Writing with minimum composite score of 22 and minimum score of 19 on English/Writing portion
  - **SAT** composite score of 1110 (evidence based Reading and Writing + Math) and a minimum score of 26 on Writing and Language. (Note: SAT changed its scoring. Prior to 5/5/16, scoring was SAT composite score of 1030 (critical reading + mathematics = 1030 or higher) and a minimum score of 450 on writing.)
  - **Superscoring is now available on ACT/SAT.** If you do not have an overall passing composite score, the ISBE will add the highest subject scores from each test and divide by the total number of tests for a composite score. You must email [Licensure@isbe.net](mailto:Licensure@isbe.net) if you would like your tests superscored.
  - Scores must come from the same assessments. For example, a passing composite ACT score and a passing SAT writing score is not acceptable.

### **Professional Studies**

Admittance to Professional Studies is a prerequisite for enrollment in certain courses. The following requirements are included:

- Admission to ISU and to the Early Childhood Education program
- Completion English 101 (MCC's ENG151) and Communication 110 (MCC's SPE151) with a grade of C or better
- Criminal background self-assessment and an Illinois State Police background clearance
- Verification of a negative TB test (must be updated annually)

### **Additional Information**

- **Recommended courses prior to transferring:**
  - TCH210 Child Growth & Development (ECE120 or PSY251)
  - TCH110 Cross Cultural Teaching and Learning (EDU255)
  - SED101 The Exceptional Learner (EDU253)
  - Completion of the AA degree or the IAI GECC core
- **Time to graduation** - Transfer students with TCH210 (ECE120 or PSY251), TCH110 (EDU255), SED101 (EDU253), all general education requirements complete, and the TAP or ACT w/writing or SAT complete may be able to graduate in two years.
- **Maximum hours from a community college** - Up to 70 academic credits may be transferred from a community college.
- **Catalog Rule** – A transfer student from an Illinois public community college may choose to meet graduation requirements specified in the ISU catalog in effect at the time the student entered the community college if 1) attendance was not interrupted and 2) transfer to ISU occurred within 9 months of attendance at the community college. **Please note that mandatory Illinois state standards for teacher education majors take precedence over the Catalog Rule.**
- TCH271, Pre-Kindergarten Curriculum, is the Early Childhood Education program entry course and is normally taken during the first semester of junior year. To take TCH271, students must pass all sections of one of the basic skills exams described in the Testing Requirement section of this guide
- **Grade Requirement** - Students must earn a grade of C or better in all coursework required as part of their certification program. This includes all endorsement areas, major courses, and professional education.
- **Endorsement Opportunities** can be added to the Professional Educator License with the Early Childhood Education endorsement. Adding an endorsement may add additional time to graduation.

**Education Plan - Early Childhood Education major**

Please refer to MCC's AA degree planning sheet or catalog for approved IAI courses. **A grade of C or better is required for ALL coursework.**

MCC AA Degree Requirements				
MCC Courses	Credits	MCC Courses	Credits	
<b>Communications (9 SH)</b> _____ ENG151 Composition I (C or better) 3 _____ ENG152 Composition II (C or better) 3 _____ SPE151 Intro to Speech 3		<b>**Diversity &amp; Multicultural Studies</b> Two 3-credit hour courses are required. Courses that fulfill this requirement may be used to satisfy requirements in Humanities/ Fine Arts, Social/Behavioral Sciences, or Electives. See current MCC catalog or AA planning sheet for course options. <b>Recommended: GEG203 Geog of Developing World</b> (see elective course recommendations)  <b>Electives</b> _____ Select 1 course from following: EAS120, 170, 171, 185 Geol/Oceanography or Astronomy/Meteorology or Astronomy or Natural Hazards & Disasters 3-4 _____ ***ECE120 or PSY251 Child Growth & Dev or Child Psych 3 _____ *ECO150 or 251 or 252 Intro to Economics or Microeconomics or Macroeconomics or MAT120 General Education Math 3 _____ EDU 251(ISU does not require EDU251; however, it gives students good exposure to the profession and is prerequisite for EDU255.) 3 _____ EDU253 Children with Exceptionalities 3 _____ EDU255 Diversity of Schools 3 _____ **GEG203 Geog of Developing World		
<b>Humanities &amp; Fine Arts (9 SH)</b> (No more than 2 courses can be chosen with the same prefix.) _____ IAI Humanities 3 _____ IAI Fine Arts 3 _____ IAI Humanities or Fine Arts 3				
<b>Physical and Life Sciences (8 SH)</b> _____ BIO157 or BIO158 Fundamentals of Biology or Evolution & Biodiversity 4 _____ CHM115 or CHM164 or CHM165 or PHY280 Chemistry & Society or Introductory Chemistry General Chemistry I or Principles of Physics I 4				
<b>Social &amp; Behavioral Sciences (9 SH)</b> _____ PSY151 Intro to Psychology (prereq for EDU253) 3 _____ PLT151 US Government 3 _____ HIS170 or 172 US History I or II 3				
<b>Mathematics (3 SH)</b> _____ *IAI Math 3-6				
<b>*NOTE: MAT202 is required for Elementary Education. MAT120 is not. If you are considering Elementary Education, it may in your best interest to take MAT201 and MAT202 and ECO150 or 151 to satisfy the economics requirement.</b>				
			<b>Credits for AA degree must total 60. ISU will accept 70 transfer credits.</b>	
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**\*MAT120 will satisfy both the economics and math requirement.**

**NOTE: MAT202 is required for Elementary Education. MAT120 is not. If you are considering Elementary Education, it may be in your best interest to take MAT201 and MAT202 and ECO150 or 151 to satisfy the economics requirement.**

**ISU Math Competency** requires successful completion of ISU's MAT104, Intermediate Algebra (MAT099 is MCC equivalent) or the ALEKS math assessment completed at ISU. The prereq for MAT201 is MAT099. If your transcript does not show successful completion of MAT099 or MAT161 or MAT165 or a math course with a minimum prereq of MAT161, then you will need to take the ALEKS math assessment at ISU.

**\*\* Diversity & Multicultural Studies:** GEG203 is recommended because it satisfies an MCC Diversity & Multicultural Studies requirement and ISU's World Geography requirement and AMALI course (cultures and traditions of Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America, or Indigenous Peoples of the World).

**\*\* Both PSY251 and ECE120** will satisfy the ISU requirement, TCH210 Child Growth and Development.