

Illinois State University
McHenry County College Transfer Guide
Elementary Education and Bilingual/Bicultural
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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.

In the state of Illinois, Elementary Education Teacher Education licensure is for grades 1-6. Illinois State University (ISU) offers the Bachelor of Science in Education degree. Students choose from 1 of 4 focus areas: ESL English as a Second Language, Diverse Learner, Reading Teacher, or Special Education. Bilingual/Bicultural is a sequence in the Elementary Education program.

Transfer Options

Guaranteed Admission Option – Students who meet the following criteria are guaranteed admission to ISU’s Elementary Education program:

- Completed AA or AS degree (with IAI GECC noted on transcript)
- Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA (includes coursework taken at other institutions)
- Successful completion of the basic skills exam strongly recommended prior to transferring
- Completion of coursework listed on this transfer guide prior to transferring
- Apply during Preferred Filing Period

General Transfer Options

- **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 Elementary 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 the 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 Elementary Education or Bilingual/Bicultural. 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**
 - Elementary Education - Minimum 3.0 GPA for consideration
 - Bilingual/Bicultural – Minimum 2.7 GPA for consideration
 - 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: Elementary Education - 3.36-3.73; Bilingual/Bicultural – 2.8–3.38.
 - For repeat courses, the last repeated grade is used for calculating admission GPA.
- **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 some education courses. Students transferring to ISU as a junior without successfully passing one of these exams may have a minimum of three years at ISU.

 - **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 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 Elementary Education or Bilingual/Bicultural program
- Completion English 101 (MCC's ENG151) and Communication 110 (MCC's SPE151) with a grade of C or better
- Documented evidence of passing one of the basic skills exams described in the previous section, Testing Requirement
- 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 transfer:**
 - Composition (ENG151 & 152)
 - COM110, Speech (SPE151)
 - MAT152, Structure of number systems II (MAT201 & 202)
 - 3 science courses: biology, physical & earth/space (see Education Plan below)
 - 4 required social science courses: US history, national government, economics, world geography (see Education Plan below)
 - ISU AMALI requirement (GEG203 recommended)
 - TCH210, Child growth and development (ECE120 or PSY251)
 - SED101, Exceptional Learner (EDU253)
 - ENG170, Children's literature (ENG277 or EDU252)
 - MAT119, College Algebra (MAT161) or show College Algebra Competency in one of the following ways:
 - ALEKS math placement assessment
 - Evidence of passing (C or greater) a higher level math course of which Algebra is a basis: precalc or calculus
 - Completion of the AA degree or the IAI GECC.

- **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 takes precedence over the Catalog Rule.**
- Students whose goal is Bilingual/Bicultural certification can expect at least 1 additional year at ISU.
- **Grade Requirement - Students must earn a grade of C or better** in all coursework required as part of their licensure program. This includes all endorsement areas, major courses, and professional education.

Education Plan for Elementary Education or a Bilingual/Bicultural - Refer to MCC’s AA degree planning sheet or catalog for approved IAI courses and detailed degree requirements. **It is extremely important to work with an MCC academic advisor.**

MCC AA Degree Requirements			
MCC Courses	Credits	MCC Courses	Credits
Communications (9 SH)		**Diversity & Multicultural Studies	
____ ENG151 Composition I	3	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.	
____ ENG152 Composition II	3	Recommended: GEG203 Geography of Developing World (see elective course recommendations)	
____ SPE151 Introduction to Speech	3	Electives	
Humanities & Fine Arts (9 SH)		____ Select 1 course from following: EAS120, 170, 171, 185 Geol/Oceanography or Astronomy/Meteorology or Astronomy or Natural Hazards & Disasters	3-4
____ *ENG277 Intro to Children’s Literature	3	____ ***ECE120 or PSY251 Child Growth & Dev or Child Psych	3
____ IAI Fine Arts	3	____ ECE 209 Early Childhood Music/Rhythmic Activities	3
____ IAI Humanities or Fine Arts (SPA252 – Bilingual/Bicultural)	3-4	____ EDU 251(ISU does not require EDU251; however, it gives students good exposure to the profession.)	3
Physical and Life Sciences (8 SH)		____ EDU 253 Children with Exceptionalities	3
____ BIO157 or BIO158 Fundamentals of Biology or Evolution & Biodiversity	4	____ EDU 255 Diversity of Schools	3
____ CHM115 or CHM164 or CHM165 or PHY280 Chemistry & Society or Introductory Chemistry General Chemistry I or Principles of Physics I	4	____ ECO150 or 251 or 252 Intro to Economics or Microeconomics or Macroeconomics	3
Social & Behavioral Sciences (9 SH)		____ **GEG203 or 202 Geog of Developing World or Geog of Developed World (GEG203 recommended)	3
____ PSY151 Intro to Psychology (prereq for EDU253)	3	____ MAT161 College Algebra	3
____ PLT151 US Government	3	Additional Electives for Bilingual/Bicultural	
____ HIS170 or 172 US History I or II	3	____ SPA151 – 251 Elementary Spanish – Intermediate Spanish	12
Mathematics (6 SH)		TOTAL CREDITS - minimum of 60 required for AA	
____ MAT201 Math Foundations for Elem Ed I	3	A maximum of 70 credits from a community college can apply toward an ISU degree.	
____ MAT202 Math Foundations for Elem Ed II	3		

- * **Both ENG277 and EDU252** will satisfy the ISU requirement, ENG170 Children’s Literature. If you select EDU252, it will count as elective credit in MCC’s AA degree. You will need to select an IAI Humanities course in place of ENG277 shown on the chart above.
- ** **Diversity & Multicultural Studies: GEG203 is recommended** because it satisfies an MCC Diversity & Multicultural Studies requirement and ISU’s World Geography and AMALI requirement (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, TCH120 Child Growth and Development.