

Illinois State University
McHenry County College Transfer Guide
Middle Level Teacher Education
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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, Middle School Teacher Education licensure is for grades 5-8. Illinois State University (ISU) offers the Bachelor of Science in Education degree. Students choose 2 endorsement areas from the following: English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Science, or English as a Second Language (ESL).

IMPORTANT NOTE: ISU's Middle School program has been revised to meet the new Illinois Professional Teaching Standards (IPTS), 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 Middle School program. **ISU's new requirements apply to all students who will graduate from ISU September 1, 2017 or after.**

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 University-wide general education requirements does not ensure that general education requirements for teacher licensure have been met. The Middle School program requires specific 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.

Admission

- 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** - 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. Minimum GPA for consideration for Middle School is 2.7. 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: 2.96-3.37.

- **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 Middle Level program
- Completion of 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; updated annually

Additional Information

- **Recommended courses prior to transferring:**

- Composition (ENG151 & 152)
- COM110 Speech (SPE151)
- AMALI course
- Completion of the AA degree or the IAI GECC core

- Middle School majors are required to complete a core set of education classes as well as a concentration in at least two subject areas (Mathematics, Science, Social Sciences, Language Arts or English as a Second Language (ESL). With very careful planning, it is possible for students to graduate with two years at ISU (exception—math & ESL endorsement).

- **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.**

- **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.

Education Plan

The plan satisfies MCC's AA degree and ISU's general core requirements. **Refer to MCC's AA degree planning sheet or catalog for approved IAI courses and detailed degree requirements.** Your ISU Middle School program requires 2 endorsement areas. Select courses with assistance from the ISU contact person noted on the front page of this guide and an MCC academic advisor.

MCC AA Degree Requirements			
MCC Courses	Credits	MCC Courses	Credits
Communications (9 SH) _____ ENG151 Composition I _____ ENG152 Composition II _____ SPE151 Introduction to Speech	3 3 3	*Diversity & Multicultural Studies 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. Recommended: GEG203 Geography of Developing World (see elective course recommendations) Electives Select from courses listed below. Complete number of credits to total 60 for the AA degree. _____ EDU 251 Intro to Education (ISU does not require EDU251; however, it gives students good exposure to the profession.) Endorsement Area Options Science: _____ EAS120 Intro to Meteorology or EAS170 Geology & Oceanography or EAS171 Astronomy & Meteorology or EAS180 Intro to Astronomy _____ GEL110 Geology of National Parks or GEL105 Intro to Physical Geology or EAS185 Nat'l Hazards & Disasters _____ PHY280 General Physics I Social Science: _____ HIS131 or 132 Western Civilization I or II _____ *HIS165 History of Latin America _____ *GEG203 or 202 Geog of Developing World or Geog of Developed World (GEG203 recommended) _____ SOC251 Social Problems Mathematics: Additional math courses will be taken at ISU. Language Arts: Additional language arts courses will be taken at ISU. English as a Second Language: _____ EDU255 Diversity of Schools (EDU251 prereq) _____ SOC251 Social Problems TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED = 60 A maximum of 70 credits from a community college can apply toward an ISU degree.	
*Humanities & Fine Arts (9 SH) _____ **IAI Humanities _____ IAI Fine Arts _____ **IAI Humanities of Fine Arts	3 3 3		
Physical and Life Sciences (8 SH) _____ IAI Life Science (Science Endorsement – BIO157 or 158) _____ IAI Physical Science (Science Endorsement – CHM115 or 164 or 165)	4 4		3
*Social & Behavioral Sciences (9 SH) _____ IAI Social & Behavioral Science (Social Science Endorsement – PLT151) _____ IAI Social & Behavioral Science (Social Science Endorsement – HIS170 or 172) _____ IAI Social & Behavioral Science (Social Science Endorsement – ECO150 or 251 or 252; ECO251 or 252 preferred)	3 3 3		4 3-4 4
Mathematics (3 SH) _____ IAI Math (Math Endorsement: MAT175) Note: MAT165 is the prerequisite for MAT175.	3-5		3 3 3 3

*Following satisfy MCC's Diversity & Multicultural Studies requirement and ISU's AMALI requirement (cultures and traditions of Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America, or Indigenous Peoples of the World): ANT151, 170; ART155, 165; ENG272, 276; GEG203, 204; HIS165; MUS153; PHI160, 261; PLT251, 261, 281

** Language Arts Endorsement - Select 6 credits from the following: ENG255 or 256; ENG260 or 261; and ENG277