

Illinois State University
McHenry County College Transfer Guide
Special 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.

The State of Illinois and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) approve Illinois State University's Special Education Program in the following areas: Specialist in Learning and Behavior (K-12), Specialist in Deaf and Hard of Hearing (PreK-12), and Specialist in Low Vision and Blindness (PreK-12).

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 Special Education 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 to the University and the Special Education Program

- Submit an application to the Office of Admissions for acceptance into the University as a Special 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 GPA for consideration 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 to the major is 2.89-3.49. Admission is competitive and selective. For repeat courses, ISU uses the last repeated grade 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..
 - **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 Special Education 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**
 - SED101, Introductory Special Education or The Exceptional Learner (EDU253)
 - TCH210, Child growth and development (ECE120 or PSY251)
 - PSY110, Introduction to psychology (PSY151)
 - Math for Elementary Teachers I or MAT130, Dimensions of Numerical Reasoning (MAT201 – MCC has no equivalent to MAT130)
 - Math for Elementary Teachers II (MAT202)
 - AMALI course (see Education Plan below)
 - Completion of AA degree or the IAI GECC core
- **Time to graduation** - Transfer students with TCH210 (ECE120 or PSY251), SED101 (EDU253), Math (MAT201 & 202), PSY 110 (PSY 151) , ISU AMALI equivalent, all general education requirements complete, and the TAP or ACT w/writing or SAT complete can graduate in a minimum of 5 semesters or 2 ½ years.
- **Maximum hours from a community college** - Up to 70 academic credits may be transferred from a community college.
- **Catalog Rule** –Please note that mandatory Illinois state standards for teacher education majors takes precedence over the Catalog Rule in ISU's catalog. **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 - Refer to MCC's AA degree planning sheet or catalog for approved IAI courses and detailed degree requirements. **Please work with an academic advisor when planning your transfer program.**

MCC AA Degree Requirements		MCC AA Degree Requirements	
MCC Courses	Credits	MCC Courses	Credits
Communications (9 SH) _____ ENG151 Composition I 3 _____ ENG152 Composition II 3 _____ SPE151 Introduction to Speech 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)	
*Humanities & Fine Arts (9 SH) (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		Electives Options may be selected from courses listed below. Complete number of credits to meet the AA degree requirement of 60 credits.	
Physical and Life Sciences (8 SH) _____ IAI Physical Science 4 _____ IAI Life Science 4		_____ EDU 253 Children with Exceptionalities (Very important to take this course prior to transfer) 3 _____ EDU255 Diversity of Schools (not required for the Major) 3 _____ EDU 251 Intro to Education (prereq for EDU255; not an ISU requirement but gives students good exposure to the profession) 3 _____ Electives to satisfy 60 credits required for AA degree	
*Social & Behavioral Sciences (9 SH) _____ PSY151 Intro to Psychology 3 _____ **PSY251 Child Psychology 3 _____ IAI Social & Behavioral Science (select from following prefixes: ANT, ECO GEG, HIS, PLT, SOC) 3		Additional elective courses - Select with the assistance of ISU contact on this guide and your academic advisor. Credits for AA degree must total 60. ISU will accept 70 transfer credits.	
***Mathematics (6 SH) _____ MAT201 Math Foundations for Elem Ed I 3 _____ MAT202 Math Foundations for Elem Ed II 3		TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED = 60	

- * 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
- ** Both PSY251 and ECE120 will satisfy the ISU requirement, TCH210, Child Growth and Dev. If you select ECE120, you must select a different IAI Social & Behavioral Sciences course, in order to satisfy MCC's AA degree requirements. ECE120 will satisfy an AA degree elective requirement, and PSY251 will satisfy an IAI Social & Behavioral Sciences 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.