

Northern Illinois University
McHenry County College Transfer Guide
Early Childhood Education (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 Northern Illinois University's (NIU) program for Early Childhood Studies, offered through NIU's College of Education. Graduates qualify for Illinois' Professional Educator License (PEL) with Early Childhood Endorsement and Preschool Special Education Approval (birth through grade two). The program also qualifies for Illinois Preschool Special Education Approval to teach students with special needs from three through six years of age. NIU's Early Childhood program once offered through the School of Family, Consumer, and Nutrition Science is no longer accepting applicants.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Illinois Professional Teaching Standards (IPTS), including Common Core Standards that apply to the teaching of students, are in the process of being revised. There will be curricular changes to NIU's early childhood education program, once new state standards have been finalized. Students under current standards will need to complete their program on or before September 1, 2019 or change to the revised curriculum.

Transfer Options

- **Guaranteed Admission** - Provides MCC students with the opportunity for guaranteed admission to the University and academic advisement from both MCC academic advisors and NIU transfer personnel.
- **AA or AS Degree** - Transfer students who receive an AA or an AS degree from an Illinois public community college, have not previously attended NIU, are in good standing at the last college attended, and have a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher are guaranteed the following:
 - Minimum of 60 semester hours in transfer credit
 - Junior status
 - Lower division NIU General Education requirements satisfied (The Early Childhood major requires specific courses.)
- **Illinois Articulation Initiative** - Transfer students who enter NIU as first time students with the IAI General Education Core Curriculum (IAI GECC) completed are considered to have completed NIU's general education requirements. The Early Childhood major requires specific courses.
- **For students who transfer prior to completing an AA or an AS degree or the IAI core:**
 - NIU credit can be transferred back to MCC for completion of the AA or the AS degree. Ask your MCC advisor about the Reverse Transfer Agreement partnership.
 - If only a portion of the IAI GECC is completed upon transfer, NIU will evaluate on a course by course basis to see how each course fits into NIU's General Education.

Admission to the University and to Early Childhood Education

- **Application and admission** - For details, please refer to this website: www.transfercenter.niu.edu
- **Application Deadlines** – Spring 2019 – December 1, 2018; Summer 2019 – May 15, 2019; Fall 2019 – August 1, 2019
- Indicate Early Childhood Education major on your application.

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 prior to student teaching. Students transferring to NIU as a junior without successfully passing one of these exams may have a minimum of three years at NIU.

- **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.

Additional Information

- **Requirements to begin the professional sequence of courses:**
 - Minimum 2.5 NIU cumulative GPA is required
 - Passing score report on the Basic Skills testing requirement
 - Safety tutorial prior and TB clearance prior to the first clinical experience.
- **Grade requirement** - A grade of C or better is necessary for all coursework required for a teaching licensure degree program. This requirement includes most general education and all professional courses.
- **GPA Calculation** – Repeated courses for which a grade of C or better was earned in the first attempt will not be calculated into the admission GPA or be accepted for transfer credit. If D or F courses are repeated, the second attempt only will be utilized in calculating the GPA.
- **Maximum hours from a community college** - Up to 66 academic semester hours from a community college and 4 semester hours of physical education activity credits may be applied toward a degree at NIU.
- **Catalog Rule** - Students may choose the NIU catalog which was in effect when they became freshmen at their original school or any later NIU catalog, providing they were enrolled during the catalog year of their choice. The catalog year must not precede enrollment at NIU by more than three years. Students may elect to satisfy all graduation requirements from a single catalog or major and minor requirements from one and general education requirements from a second. **Please note that mandatory Illinois state standards for teacher education majors takes precedence over the Catalog Rule.**
- Please refer to the following website for the latest information regarding limited admission major requirements: <http://www.niu.edu/admissions/transfer/credits/index.shtml>. The site is updated in July of each academic year.

Education Plan – PEL (Professional Educator License) in Early Childhood, with Preschool Special Education

Approval

Please refer to MCC's most current catalog for IAI and Diversity & Multicultural Studies course options and detailed AA degree requirements.

MCC AA Degree Requirements			
MCC Courses	Credits	MCC Courses	Credits
Communications _____ ENG151 Composition I _____ ENG152 Composition II _____ SPE151 Intro to Speech		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.	
Humanities & Fine Arts _____ Select 1 course: ART151, 171, 172; MUS151; THE151 _____ IAI Humanities _____ IAI Humanities or Fine Arts		Electives _____ EDU253 Children w/Exceptionalities _____ PSY251 or ECE120 Child Psych or Child Growth & Development _____ EDU255 Diversity of Schools (EDU251 is prereq; not an NIU requirement but gives students good exposure to the profession) * One course from the following: _____ EAS120, 170, 171, 180, 185; GEG107,123, 220; GEL105, 110 * PLT151 US Government	
Physical and Life Sciences (at least 1 lab course) _____ * IAI Physical Science (CHM115 or CHM164 or CHM165 or PHY280) _____ * IAI Biology		_____ Electives to satisfy 60 credits required for AA degree. COMD220, Intro to Communicative Disorders can be completed through NIU & transferred back to MCC to complete AA degree.	
Social & Behavioral Sciences _____ HIS170 or 172 US History I or II _____ PSY151 Intro to Psychology _____ * GEG202 or GEG203 or GEG204		TOTAL CREDITS 60 credits required for an MCC AA degree.	
Mathematics _____ MAT201 Math Foundations for El Ed I _____ MAT202 Math Foundations for El Ed II		60 required	

* Four of following courses must be completed with a C or better and appear on official transcript before the beginning of your first professional semester: IAI biological science; IAI physical science; earth/space science; GEG202 or 203 or 204; PLT151

Note: MCC's US History changed from a 3 course sequence (HIS170, 171, 172) to a two course sequence (HIS170, 172) beginning Summer 2013. For MCC students who completed HIS172 prior to Summer 2013, take HIS 170 to satisfy NIU's requirement. For students who completed HIS171 prior to Summer 2013, take either HIS170 or HIS172 to satisfy NIU's requirement. If you have questions regarding your MCC US History coursework and how it will apply toward your program at NIU, it is important that you meet with your MCC academic advisor.