

Northern Illinois University
McHenry County College Transfer Guide
Early Childhood Education (2019-2020 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 3 through 6 years of age.

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 (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 2020 – December 1, 2019; Summer 2020 – May 15, 2020; Fall 2020 – August 1, 2020
- Indicate Early Childhood Education major on your application.

Additional Information

- **Requirements to begin the professional sequence of courses:**
 - Minimum 2.5 NIU cumulative GPA is required
 - 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>. (updated each July)

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 | | | |
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| MCC Courses | Credits | MCC Courses | Credits |
| <u>Communications</u> | | <u>Diversity & Multicultural Studies</u> | |
| _____ 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 | | |
| _____ SPE151 Intro to Speech | 3 | | |
| <u>Humanities & Fine Arts</u> | | <u>Electives</u> | |
| _____ Select 1 course: ART151, 171, 172; MUS151; THE151 | 3 | _____ EDU253 Children w/Exceptionalities | 3 |
| _____ IAI Humanities | 3 | _____ PSY251 or ECE120 Child Psych or Child Growth & Development | 3 |
| _____ IAI Humanities or Fine Arts | 3 | _____ EDU255 Diversity of Schools (EDU251 is prereq; not an NIU requirement but gives students good exposure to the profession) | 3 |
| <u>Physical and Life Sciences</u> (at least 1 lab course) | | _____ * One course from the following: | |
| _____ * IAI Physical Science (CHM115 or CHM164 or CHM165 or PHY280) | 3-4 | _____ EAS120, 170, 171, 180, 185; GEG107,123, 220; GEL105, 110 | 3-4 |
| _____ * IAI Biology | 3-4 | _____ * PLT151 US Government | 3 |
| <u>Social & Behavioral Sciences</u> | | _____ 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. | |
| _____ HIS170 or 172 US History I or II | 3 | TOTAL CREDITS | |
| _____ PSY151 Intro to Psychology | 3 | 60 credits required for an MCC AA degree. | |
| _____ * GEG202 or GEG203 or GEG204 | 3 | 60 required | |
| <u>Mathematics</u> | | | |
| _____ MAT201 Math Foundations for EI Ed I | 3 | | |
| _____ MAT202 Math Foundations for EI Ed II | 3 | | |

* 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.