

Northern Illinois University
McHenry County College Transfer Guide
Elementary 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, Elementary Education Teacher Education licensure is for grades 1-6. Northern Illinois University (NIU) offers the Bachelor of Science in Education degree. NIU's Elementary Education program is approved by the State of Illinois and the accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

IMPORTANT NOTE: Illinois Professional Teaching Standards (IPTTS), including Common Core Standards that apply to the teaching of students, have been revised. **By October 1, 2015, all programs and courses must be aligned to the new state standards, including transferred courses intended to count toward licensure. Students enrolled prior to 10/1/15 under old standards must complete the program on or before Sept 1, 2017. Work closely with the NIU contact on this guide to ensure you are taking appropriate coursework at MCC.**

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 (**Satisfying University-wide general education requirements does not ensure** that general education requirements for teacher licensure have been met. The program 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. Please note that the Elementary Education major requires specific general education 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 Elementary Education

- **University 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. Your testing requirement must be met and results submitted by these same deadlines in order to be eligible for the first professional semester.
- Indicate Elementary Education major with your intended emphasis 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 for clinical placements and professional coursework** (professional coursework begins first semester of junior year)
 - 2.75 cumulative NIU GPA
 - Successful completion of Basic Skills assessment (TAP/ACT/SAT)
- **Recommended courses to be completed prior to transfer:** ECO251 or ECO252; EDU255 or PLT151; GEG202 or GEG203; HIS170 or HIS172; MAT161; MAT201 & MAT202; EDU253
(MCC's US History changed from 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, NIU will accept HIS172 to satisfy the HIST261 requirement through Spring 2014. If you have questions regarding your MCC US History coursework and how it will apply toward your elementary education program at NIU, it is important that you meet with your MCC academic advisor.)
- **Emphasis area requirement:** All elementary education majors must choose an emphasis in one of the following areas: Bilingual/ESL, Elementary Mathematics Education, Reading Teacher, or Special Education. Coursework in Bilingual/ESL, Reading Teacher and Special Education lead to recommendation for additional endorsements on a teaching license.
- **Minimum 100-clock-hour pre-clinical experience**
 - Maximum of 30 clock hours accepted in transfer.
 - Minimum of 70 clock hours must be taken at NIU.
- **Grade requirement** - A grade of C or better is necessary for all coursework required for a teaching licensure degree program. This requirement includes general education and professional courses. Students must maintain a 2.75 cumulative NIU GPA to remain an elementary education major.
- **GPA Calculation** – NIU uses the sending institutions transcribed cumulative GPA for admission purposes.
- **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.

Education Plan - Please refer to MCC's catalog and degree planning sheets for IAI and Diversity & Multicultural Studies course options and detailed AA degree requirements.

MCC AA Degree Requirements			
MCC Courses	Credits	MCC Courses	Credits
<u>Communications</u>		<u>Diversity & Multicultural Studies</u>	
_____ ENG151 Composition I (C or better)	3	Two 3-credit hour courses are required.	
_____ ENG152 Composition II (C or better)	3	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.	
_____ SPE151 Intro to Speech	3		
<u>Humanities & Fine Arts</u>		<u>Electives</u>	
_____ IAI Humanities	3	_____ EDU253 Children w/Exceptionalities	3
_____ IAI Fine Arts	3	_____ EDU275 Classroom Observation	3
_____ IAI Humanities or Fine Arts	3	_____ PLT151 US Government	3
<u>Physical and Life Sciences</u>		_____ MAT161 College Algebra	3
_____ IAI Physical Science (CHM115 or CHM164 or CHM165 or PHY280)	4	_____ ECO251 or 252 Microeconomics or Macroeconomics	3
_____ IAI Biology (recommended BIO157)	4	_____ One course from the following:	3-4
<u>Social & Behavioral Sciences</u>		_____ EAS120, 170, 171, 180, 185; GEG107, 123, 220; GEL105, 110	
_____ HIS170 or HIS172 US History I or II	3	_____ CDM110 + 205 Comp Lit + Intro to Technology in Ed - Technology competency is required - NIU offers a competency exam	4
_____ GEG202 or GEG203 Geog of Developing World or Geog of Developed World	3	_____ Additional courses to satisfy 60 credits required for AA degree	
_____ PSY151 Intro to Psychology	3		
<u>Mathematics</u>		TOTAL CREDITS	
_____ MAT201 Math Foundations for EI Ed I	3	60 credits required for an MCC AA degree.	60
_____ MAT202 Math Foundations for EI Ed II	3		

Courses you will take at NIU

LTIC 301 Multicultural Education (3)
 KNPE 245 PE for Children (3)
 ARTE 383/MUED 360 Teaching Art/Music (3)
 EPFE 410 Philosophy of Education (3)
 EPS 304 Dev of Elementary School Child (3)

Note: If you do not complete the required number of elective credits for AA degree prior to transferring, you can transfer this coursework back to MCC through the Reverse Transfer program. Ask an MCC advisor for more information.

First Professional Semester (15)
 LTRE 300 Reading Methods (3)
 LTLA 341 Language Arts Methods (3)
 EPS 450 Classroom Management (2)
 TLEE 382 Clinical Experience (1)
 SESE 456 Methods for Coll & Inclusion (3)
 Emphasis area course (3)

Second Professional Semester (16)
 LTIC 420 TESOL Methods (3)
 LTRE 350 Reading Methods (3)
 TLEE 385 Clinical Experience (1)
 MATH 402 Math Methods (3)
 TLEE 342 Social Studies Methods (3)
 Emphasis area course (3)

Third Professional Semester (17)
 ETR 430 Classroom Assessment (3)
 TLEE 383 Clinical Experience (2)
 TLEE 344 Science Methods (3)
 MATH 403 Methods Math Curriculum (3)
 Emphasis area course (3)
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Student Teaching (12-15)
 TLEE 485 – Student Teaching (12)
 Emphasis area course (3)