

Northern Illinois University
McHenry County College Transfer Guide
Middle Level Teaching and Learning
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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 Level Teacher Education licensure is for grades 5-8. Northern Illinois University's (NIU) Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S. Ed.) in Middle Level Teaching and Learning is an interdisciplinary program designed to prepare future teachers with the content knowledge and pedagogical approaches necessary to serve the needs of young adolescent students. Students select one major content/endorsement area: English, Mathematics, Science, or Social Sciences and one minor content/endorsement area: English, Mathematics, Science, Social Sciences, Art Education, Bilingual/ESL, Foreign Language (Spanish), Health Education, Learning Behavior Specialist-1 or Physical Education. NIU's Middle Level program is approved by the State of Illinois and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

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 Middle Level Teaching and Learning

- **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 Middle Level

Additional Information

- **Requirements for clinical placements and professional coursework** (professional coursework begins first semester of junior year) - 2.50 cumulative NIU GPA
- **Major and Minor content area requirement:** Students select one major and one minor content/endorsement area:
 - **Major options:** English Language Arts (33 credits), Mathematics (29-31 credits), Science (33 credits), or Social Sciences 34 credits)

- **Minor options:** Art (25 credits), English Language Arts (24 credits), Family & Consumer Science (26 credits), Foreign Language Spanish (24 credits), Health Education (24 credits), Learning Behavior Specialist (24 credits), Mathematics (26 credits), Physical Education (24 credits), Science (24 credits), Social Science (25 credits), Bilingual/ESL (18 credits)
- **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 2.50 cumulative GPA to remain middle level 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 Refer to MCC’s catalog and degree planning sheets for IAI course options and detailed AA degree requirements. 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.

* See course recommendations below chart. Your major and minor content area may determine the course(s) you should take.

MCC AA Degree Requirements			
MCC Courses	Credits	MCC Courses	Credits
Communications		Diversity & Multicultural Studies	
____ 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/	
____ SPE151 Intro to Speech	3	Fine Arts, Social/Behavioral Sciences, or	
Humanities & Fine Arts		Electives. See current MCC catalog or AA	
____ IAI Humanities	3	planning sheet for course options.	
____ IAI Fine Arts	3	Electives	
____ IAI Humanities or Fine Arts	3	____ EDU255 Diversity of Schools (prereq is EDU251)	3
Physical and Life Sciences (one lab required)		____ PSY271 Educational Psychology	3
____ *IAI Physical Science	3-4	*Additional courses to satisfy 60 credits required for AA degree	
____ *IAI Life Science	3-4	TOTAL CREDITS	
Social & Behavioral Sciences		60 credits required for an MCC AA degree.	
____ PSY151 Intro to Psychology	3	60	
____ *IAI Social & Behavioral Science	3		
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Mathematics			
____ * IAI Mathematics	3		

*** General Education and Elective Recommendations Based on Your Major and Minor Content Focus**

English Language Arts (major & minor)
No equivalent MCC courses. Primarily upper level. Take at NIU.

Social Science (major & minor)
IAI General Core (major & minor): HIS170, HIS172
Electives (major & minor): GEG202 or 203, PLT151

Foreign Language Spanish (minor)
IAI General Core: SPA252
Electives: SPA152, SPA251 (SPA151 is prereq for SPA152)

Mathematics (major & minor)
IAI General Core (major & minor): MAT175
Electives: MAT165 (major & minor); two of following (major only) – MAT170, 245, 255, 260

Art (minor)
No equivalent courses. Primarily upper level. Take at NIU.

Health Education (minor)
Electives: HFE150, HFE251, PSY175

Physical Education (minor)
No equivalent courses. Primarily upper level. Take at NIU.

Science (minor)
AS degree may be best for you. Discuss with your MCC academic advisor.)
IAI General Core (major & minor): BIO157, CHM165
Electives (major & minor): BIO158, EAS170 or GEL105, PHY280, MAT165 (prereq for PHY280)
Electives (major only): CHM166, PHY281

Learning Behavior Specialist (minor)
Electives: EDU253

Bilingual/ESL (minor)
No equivalent courses. Primarily upper level. Take at NIU.