

Western Illinois University
Bachelor of Science in Education
Special Education
(Catalog 2018-2019)

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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 WIU's Teacher Education Programs. Students completing the Special Education program will qualify for Illinois licensure to teach exceptional children kindergarten through age 21 as Learning Behavior Specialist I. Students may work toward licensure in both Special Education and Elementary Education. The requirements below must be met to be considered for admission into the Teacher Education Program.

Transfer Options

- **Associate in Arts (AA) Degree** - Transfer students who receive an AA degree from an Illinois public community college and have a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher (using coursework from all colleges attended) are guaranteed the following:
 - Minimum of 60 semester hours in transfer credit
 - Junior status
 - WIU General Education requirements satisfied (Students in the College or Arts and Sciences may be required to complete additional semester hours of coursework at WIU to satisfy College curriculum requirements.)
 - Individual majors may require specific general core coursework
- **Associate in Science (AS) Degree - AS degree requirements changed, beginning Summer 2016.**
 - **Catalog year 2015/16 or prior** - Transfer students admitted to WIU who have completed an AS degree under MCC's 2015/16 or prior catalog receive the following benefits: junior status and WIU general education requirements satisfied; individual majors and College of Arts and Sciences may require additional requirements
 - **Catalog year 2016/17 or after** - Transfer students admitted to WIU who have completed an AS degree under MCC's 2016/17 or after catalog receive the following benefits: junior status; WIU general education requirements **are not satisfied.** The IAI core may be completed at WIU by taking WIU-approved IAI courses.
- **Illinois Articulation Initiative** - Transfer students who have been certified by a participating Illinois college or university as having completed the IAI GECC will be considered as having satisfied WIU's general education requirements (individual majors may require specific coursework).
- **For students who transfer prior to completing an AA or AS degree or the IAI core:**
 - Transfer WIU credit back to MCC to complete the AA or the AS degree (Once at WIU, it is important to work with a WIU and an MCC advisor if using this option to complete lower-level general education coursework.)
 - Complete the IAI GECC at WIU (For students with fewer than 30 semester hours of WIU transfer credit, an additional 6 hours of approved IAI or WIU gen ed coursework must be completed or WIU General Education Curriculum at WIU - 43 hours)
- **Please note that the Special Education program requires specific general education courses, regardless of AA or IAI GECC completion.** See the Education Plan on the last page of this guide.

Admission Notes

- Students are admitted to Western Illinois University through the Office of Admissions. Admission to the University does not automatically constitute acceptance to the Teacher Education Program
- **Application deadline:** Applications for admission to the University are accepted throughout the year. Recommended application deadline for Spring semester is December 1 and for Fall Semester is August 1. To apply online: www.wiu.edu/admissions/apply_now/
- **Transfer criteria:** Students applying to the Macomb campus who have completed 24 or more semester hours of college credit with a 2.0 GPA are accepted to the University, and students applying to the Quad Cities campus must have at least 60 semester hours with a 2.75 GPA for acceptance. (Upper-level coursework for Early Childhood is offered at the Quad Cities campus – non-residential)
- **Admission to Teacher Education Program:** For complete requirements, go to <http://www.wiu.edu/coehs/teacher/>.
 - Completion of at least 30 semester hours of approved coursework and an established WIU GPA.
 - Minimum of 2.75 cumulative GPA and major GPA of 2.75 (GPA includes transfer and WIU coursework)
 - Recommendations from major and minor departmental faculty while attending WIU
 - Portfolio requirement – may be applicable. Students are encouraged, but not required, to retain coursework (papers, projects, audio or videotape of speeches/presentations, materials from clinical and volunteer experience, etc.) for possible inclusion in their portfolio if applicable.
 - Students will complete an FBI fingerprint background investigation before all field experiences.
 - Students must successfully complete a Teacher Education Technology Competency Assessment and English Language Learning Modules while attending WIU; see www.wiu.edu/TCA for information as these may be completed prior to transfer.
 - Transfer students will file an application for Teacher Education Program their first semester at WIU.
- **Basic Skills** - Prior to student teaching, students must have documented passing scores on one of the following basic skills exams. **It is strongly recommended that a passing score should be achieved prior to transfer.**
 - **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 3/5/16, 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

- **Maximum hours from a community college** - Students are required to complete 60 semester hours at a four-year institution, 42 semester hours of which must be in upper-level coursework.
- **Grade requirements** - Effective February 2012, all teacher education graduates will be required to have earned a **minimum grade of C for all courses in their program** (gen ed, core courses and courses within the major option).
- **GPA calculation for admission** – For repeat courses, WIU uses the most recent repeated grade for calculating.
- **The Western Commitment Transfer Scholarships**
 - **\$1000 Scholarship** – One-time \$1000 scholarships awarded to students who have earned any type of associate's degree and a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA.
 - **\$400 Book Award** – Students who have earned an associate's degree but have not met the 3.5 GPA requirement will receive a one-time \$400 award to purchase books at the University Bookstore. (Students granted the \$1000 scholarship will not receive the \$400 book award.)
 - For details about the new scholarships, refer to WIU's website: http://www.wiu.edu/student_services/undergraduate_admissions/transfer/westernCommitment.php

• **Cost guarantee**

- WIU freezes tuition, room, board, and fees for four years as long as continuous enrollment at WIU is maintained.
- WIU’s academic year runs fall through summer, so students who begin WIU coursework during the summer after will lock in current rate.
- WIU is the only Illinois public university to include fees, room and board as part of the cost guarantee.

Education Plan

Completion of coursework in the education plan will satisfy MCC’s AA degree, WIU’s general education requirements and specific requirements for Special Education. Refer to MCC’s current catalog for IAI course options and detailed AA degree requirements. A minimum grade of C for all courses is required (gen ed, core courses and courses within the major option).

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: either GEG202 or 203 (WIU world geography requirement satisfied)	
Humanities & Fine Arts (9 SH) (No more than 2 courses can be chosen with the same prefix.) _____ ART151 <u>or</u> MUS151 <u>or</u> THE151 Art, Music <u>or</u> Theatre Appreciation 3 _____ IAI Humanities or Fine Arts 3 _____ IAI Humanities 3		Electives Selected from courses listed below. Complete a minimum number of elective credits to satisfy total credits required for the AA degree (60 credits).	
Physical and Life Sciences (8 SH) _____ CHM115 <u>or</u> CHM164 <u>or</u> CHM165 <u>or</u> PHY280 Chem & Soc <u>or</u> Intro Chem <u>or</u> Gen Chem I <u>or</u> Prin of Phy I 4 _____ IAI Biology 4		_____ Select 1 course from following: EAS120, 170, 171, 180, 185; GEG107, 123, 220; GEL105, 110 3-4 _____ ECO150 or 251 or 252 Intro Econ <u>or</u> Micro <u>or</u> Macro 3 _____ EDU252 Children’s Literature (EI Ed) 3 _____ EDU253 Children w/ Exceptionalities (EI Ed) 3 _____ EDU255 Diversity of Schools (EI Ed & Sp Ed); prereq EDU251 3 _____ GEG202 <u>or</u> 203 Geog of Developed <u>or</u> Geog of Underdeveloped World 3 _____ MAT161 College Algebra 3	
Social & Behavioral Sciences (9 SH) _____ HIIS 170 <u>or</u> 172 US History I or II 3 _____ PLT151 US Government 3 _____ PSY151 Intro to Psychology 3		Total Credits Required for AA Degree - 60	
Mathematics (6 SH) _____ MAT 120 General Education Statistics 3			
NOTE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For students transferring prior to Fall 2017, complete MAT201, MAT202 and MAT120. • For students transferring Fall 2017 and beyond, complete MAT161 & MAT120 at MCC and complete MATH260 at WIU. 			