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Western Illinois University
Bachelor of Science in Education
Early Childhood, Elementary, Bilingual/Bicultural, and Special Education
(Catalog 2012-2013)

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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. The Early Childhood Education major leads to Illinois certification for teachers to work with children from birth through grade 3. Graduates of this program are qualified to teach in birth to grade 3 programs, preschool and pre-kindergarten programs for children with special needs, and kindergarten through 3rd grade classrooms. The Elementary Education major leads to Illinois certification in grades K – 9 in self-contained classroom situations. Students may choose to earn an additional endorsement to enable them to teach in departmentalized situations at the middle school level. The Bilingual/ Bicultural major (Spanish language) leads to Illinois certification in grades K – 9. Students are also qualified for elementary education certification and for ESL approval through the Illinois State Board of Education. Students completing the Special Education program will qualify for Illinois certification to teach exceptional children kindergarten through age 21 as Learning Behavior Specialist I and with an extra semester of coursework will also qualify for Elementary Education certification. The requirements below must be met to be considered for admission into the Teacher Education Program.

Transfer Options

• **AA or AS Degree** – WIU General Education requirements are satisfied for transfer students who receive an AA or an AS degree from an Illinois public community college.

• **Illinois Articulation Initiative** - WIU General Education requirements are satisfied for transfer students who have completion of the Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Core Curriculum (IAI GECC) verified on MCC’s official transcript.

• **For students who transfer prior to completing an AA or an 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 general education coursework must be completed.)
  - Complete the WIU general education curriculum which includes multicultural and human well-being courses (43 credits)

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/

• **Dual Admissions:** Students who want a seamless transition are highly encouraged to participate in the WIU/MCC Dual Admissions program. Early participation in the Dual program is the most beneficial. Students may apply regardless of the number of hours they have completed. Contact: Tishly Herrington, Dual Coordinator, at TA-Herrington@wiu.edu or Shawn Wochner at SM-Wochner2@wiu.edu.
• **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 Elementary and Early Childhood is offered at the Quad Cities campus – non-residential)

• **Admission to Teacher Education Program:** For complete requirements, go to [www.wiu.edu/coehs/cpep/](http://www.wiu.edu/coehs/cpep/)
  o Completion of at least 30 semester hours and a minimum of 2.50 cumulative GPA (GPA includes transfer and WIU coursework)
  o A grade of C or better in ENG180, 280, COMM241, and WIU general education math (*MCC equivalents: ENG151, 152, SPE151, MAT201 &202*) as well as in any professional education course
  o Recommendations from major and minor departmental faculty while attending WIU
  o Successful completion of Illinois Basic Skills Test, Test of Academic Proficiency or ACT Plus Writing before attending WIU for students transferring approximately 45 or more hours. Program delays will occur for students not in compliance with this requirement by their junior year. Study guides and test dates may be found at: [www.isbe.net/certification](http://www.isbe.net/certification) or [www.icts.nesinc.com](http://www.icts.nesinc.com)
  o 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.
  o Students will complete an FBI fingerprint background investigation while attending WIU. Students will complete the background investigation again prior to student teaching.
  o Students must successfully complete a Teacher Education Technology Competency Assessment and English Language Learning Modules while attending WIU; see [www.wiu.edu/TCA](http://www.wiu.edu/TCA) for information as these may be completed prior to transfer.
  o Transfer students will file an application for Teacher Education Program their first semester at WIU.

**Additional Information**

• Students are required to complete 60 semester hours at a four-year institution, 42 semester hours of which must be in upper-level coursework.

• 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). This impacts anyone student teaching Spring 2012 and thereafter.

• Students who transfer to Western the next semester after earning an associate degree will lock into the previous year’s rates for tuition, fees, room and board.

**Education Plan**

Completion of coursework in the education plan on the following page will satisfy MCC’s AS degree, WIU’s general education requirements and specific requirements for individual education programs.

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**Associate in Science Degree Requirements**
## General Core and Support Courses
(Refer to MCC’s catalog for approved IAI courses.)

### Communications (9 credits)
- ENG151 Composition I
- ENG152 Composition II
- SPE151 Introduction to Speech

### Social & Behavioral Sciences (9 credits)
- GEG202 Geog of the Dev World (Sp Ed majors–take SOC151)
  (GEG203 must be taken with GEG202 to satisfy WIU’s GEG110 requirement. Take GEG203 as Elective or Intercultural Studies credit in AS degree—exception Sp Ed majors)
- HIS 170 US History I or 172 US History III (In order to satisfy WIU’s history requirement, HIS171 also must be completed. Take HIS171 as elective credit in AS degree)
- PLT151 US Government

### Humanities & Fine Arts (9 credits – at least 1 Humanities and 1 Fine Arts course)
- ART151 Art Appreciation (Sp Ed majors–any IAI Fine Arts course)
- MUS151 Music Appreciation (Sp Ed majors – any IAI Humanities or Fine Arts Course)
- IAI Humanities (Bilingual/Bicultural majors – SPA252)

### Computer Literacy (2-3 credits)
- CIS110 Computer Literacy

### Social & Behavioral Sciences
- *HIS 170 US History I or 172 US History III (In order to satisfy WIU’s history requirement, HIS171 also must be completed. Take HIS171 as elective credit in AS degree)

### Physical and Life Science (8 credits)
- IAI Physical Science w/lab
- IAI Life Science w/lab

### Intercultural Studies (3 credits)
Select 1 course from following:
- ANT151; ART155, 165; ENG272, 275, 276; GEG203; HIS165; MUS153; PHI261; PLT251, 261, 281
  **Note:** Bilingual/Bicultural majors complete ANT151 or GEG203
  Other education majors complete GEG203.

### Mathematics (6 credits)
- MAT201 Math Fdns/El Ed I
- MAT202 Math Fdns/El Ed II

**Total Credits for AS General Education** 46-47 credits

### Elective Courses

#### Elementary Education
- HIS171 US History II (3 cr)
- EDU252 Children’s Literature (3 cr)
- EDU253 Children with Exceptionalities (3 cr)
- EDU255 Diversity of Schools (3 cr)
- CIS210 Intro to Technology in Education (1 cr)
- Elective or *GEG203 Geog of the Underdev World (1-3 cr)

#### Early Childhood Education
- HIS171 US History II (3 cr)
- ECE115 Early Childhood Education (3cr)
- ECE120 Child Growth & Development (3 cr)
- EDU253 Children with Exceptionalities (3 cr)
- EDU255 Diversity of Schools (3 cr)
- CIS210 Intro to Technology in Education (1 cr)
- GEG203 Geog of the Underdev World (3 cr)

**Strongly recommended that GEG203 be taken to satisfy MCC’s Intercultural Studies requirement**

**Elective Credit**

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### Bilingual/Bicultural
- HIS171 US History II (3 cr)
- EDU252 Children’s Literature (3 cr)
- EDU253 Children with Exceptionalities (3 cr)
- EDU255 Diversity of Schools (3 cr)
- CIS210 Intro to Technology in Education (1 cr)
- ANT151 or GEG203 (3 cr)

**Note:** Spanish through the intermediate level or proficiency is required (SPA252)

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### Special Education
- HIS171 US History II (3 cr)
- EDU255 Diversity of Schools (3 cr)
- CIS210 Intro to Technology in Education (1 cr)

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*WIU counts History towards the Humanities category. Students file a form with the WIU Registrar’s office to count in the social science category. See WIU advisor.*

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*My MCC Education Plan*