

**Illinois State University**  
**McHenry County College Transfer Guide**  
**Early Childhood Education**  
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The State of Illinois and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) approve Illinois State University's Early Childhood Education Teacher Education Program (from Birth through Grade 3). Degrees offered are the Bachelor of Science or the Bachelor of Science in Education.

### **Transfer Options**

It is recommended that students complete MCC's AA or AS degree or the Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Core Curriculum (IAI GECC) prior to transferring.

- **AA or AS Degree** - Transfer students admitted to ISU from an Illinois public community college who have completed an AA or an AS degree receive the following benefits:
  - Junior status
  - ISU general education requirements satisfied (specific majors may require additional coursework)
- **Illinois Articulation Agreement (IAI GECC)** – 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 ISU's general education requirements if their general education component has a minimum of 37 semester hours (specific majors may require additional coursework).
- **For students who transfer prior to completing an AA or an AS degree or the IAI core:**
  - ISU credit can be transferred back to MCC for completion of AA or AS degree.
  - IAI core may be completed at ISU by taking ISU-approved IAI courses.
  - Students should discuss with their ISU advisor whether it would be in their best interest to complete the ISU or the IAI general education core.
- Students are reminded that satisfying University-wide general education requirements does not ensure that general education requirements for certification have been met. Some programs require specific courses.

### **Admission to University and Early Childhood Education Program**

- Submit an online application to the Office of Admissions for acceptance into the University as an Early Childhood Education major. Students interested in the program should apply to the University one year in advance of the semester they would like to enroll.
- Admission is competitive and selective. Highest admission consideration is granted to transfer students with the strongest academic preparation. 3.0 is minimum GPA to be considered. Cumulative GPA and progress toward completion of general education and major program degree requirements are the most important factors in admission decisions. The middle 50% GPA range of students admitted to the major is 3.13-3.58. **For repeat courses, ISU uses the last repeated grade for calculating admission GPA.**
- Preferred filing period: Spring (April 1 – August 1), Summer/Fall (September 1 – January 1)
- It is recommended that students complete either the IAI GECC or the AA/AS degree before transferring, but it is not required for admission.
- Successful completion of the Illinois Test of Basic Skills is recommended prior to enrolling.

## Professional Studies

Admittance to Professional Studies is a prerequisite for enrollment in certain courses. Students should work with their ISU academic advisor to apply when requirements have been met. For admission, following requirements are included:

- admission to ISU and to the Early Childhood Education program;
- completion English 101 (MCC's ENG151) and Communication 110 (MCC's SPE151) with a grade of C or better, with technology proficiencies included in each course;
- documented evidence of passing the Illinois Basic Skills Test;
- documented evidence of successful experiences with children and youth;
- reflective essay on entry-level dispositions to teach relative to the "Realizing the Democratic Ideal";
- criminal background self-assessment and an Illinois State Police background clearance;
- verification of a negative TB test (must be updated annually).
- A screening battery and/or interview may be required.

## Additional Information

- It is recommended that students complete either the AA/AS degree or the IAI core, along with Child Growth & Development (ECE120 or PSY251), The Exceptional Learner (EDU253), and a Global Studies course before transferring.
- **Maximum hours from a community college** - Up to 70 academic credits may be transferred from a community college.
- **Catalog Rule** – A transfer student from an Illinois public community college may choose to meet graduation requirements specified in the ISU catalog in effect at the time the student entered the community college if 1) attendance was not interrupted and 2) transfer to ISU occurred within 9 months of attendance at the community college.
- C&I271, Pre-Kindergarten Education, is the Early Childhood Education program entry course and is normally taken during the first semester of junior year. To take C&I271, students must have achieved the following: minimum cumulative and major 2.5 GPA, minimum 60 semester hours (junior standing), minimum grade of C in ENG101 (ENG151) and COM110 (SPE151), passes all sections of State of Illinois Basic Skills Test.
- Students must earn a grade of C or better in all coursework required as part of their certification program. This includes all endorsement areas, major courses, and professional education.

## Education Plan

The following is a suggested program for students who plan to complete the AS degree at MCC and then transfer to ISU as an Early Childhood Education major. (Please refer to MCC's AS degree planning sheet or catalog for approved IAI courses.)

MCC AS Degree Requirements			
MCC Courses	Credits	MCC Courses	Credits
<b>Communications (9 SH)</b> _____ ENG151 Composition I (C or better) _____ ENG152 Composition II (C or better) _____ SPE151 Intro to Public Speaking	3 3 3	<b>Intercultural Studies (3 SH)</b> (satisfies ISU Global Studies requirement) _____ Select 1 course from following: ART155, 165; ANT151, 170; ENG272, 276; GEG203, 204; HIS165; MUS153; PHI160, 261; PLT251, 261, 281	3
<b>Humanities &amp; Fine Arts (9 SH)</b> _____ IAI Humanities _____ IAI Fine Arts _____ IAI Humanities or Fine Arts	3 3 3	<b>Computer Literacy</b> _____ CIS110	2
<b>Physical and Life Sciences (8 SH)</b> _____ IAI Physical Science _____ IAI Life Science	4 4	<b>Electives</b> - Options may be selected from courses listed below. Complete number of credits for a total of 60.  _____ EDU 253 (ISU requirement) _____ EDU 251 (ISU does not require; however, it gives students good exposure to the profession.) _____ EDU 255 (EDU255 is not a direct equivalent to ISU's C&I 111; however, credit will be granted. Must speak with an ISU advisor upon admission to the ECE program.) _____ Additional elective courses - Select with your academic advisor.	3 3 3
<b>Social &amp; Behavioral Sciences (9 SH)</b> _____ PSY151 _____ *PSY251 _____ IAI Social & Behavioral Science (select from following prefixes: ANT, ECO GEG, HIS, PLT, SOC)	3 3 3	<b>Credits for AS degree must total 60. ISU will accept 70 transfer credits.</b>	3
<b>Mathematics (6 SH)</b> _____ Select one course from the following: MAT150, 170, 202, 245, 255, 171 <u>or</u> 175, 120 <u>or</u> 220 _____ Select one course from the following or an additional course from the list above: MAT161, 165, 201, 253, 260	3 3	<b>TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>NOTE: MAT201 &amp; 202 are recommended but not required</b>			

\* Both PSY251 and ECE120 will satisfy the ISU requirement, C&I210, Child Growth and Development. If you select ECE120, you also must select another IAI Social & Behavioral Sciences course, in order to satisfy MCC's AS degree requirements. ECE120 will satisfy an AS degree elective requirement, and PSY251 will satisfy an IAI Social & Behavioral Sciences requirement.

### My MCC Education Plan

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