

Illinois State University
McHenry County College Transfer Guide
Middle Level Teacher 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.

The State of Illinois and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) approve Illinois State University's Middle Level Teacher Education Program. Graduates are entitled to Illinois State University's recommendation for Illinois initial certification to teach Kindergarten through Grade 9 with two or more endorsements to teach upper-elementary/middle level subjects.

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

- Submit an online application to the Office of Admissions for acceptance into the University as a Middle Level Education major. Students 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. 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 is 3.09-3.63. **For repeat courses, ISU uses the most recent 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), Children with Exceptionalities (EDU253), and a Global Studies course before transferring.
- Middle Level majors are required to complete coursework in a primary and in a secondary content area: Science, Industrial Technology, Social Sciences, Mathematics, Reading, Language Arts, or Physical Education. One of the four core curriculum areas (Mathematics, Science, Social Sciences, Language Arts) must be chosen as either the primary or the secondary content area. Students work with an ISU advisor for course selection. With very careful planning, it is possible for students to graduate with two years at ISU (exception—math endorsement).
- **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.
- 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 McHenry County College and then transfer to Illinois State University as a Middle Level Teacher Education major. (Refer to MCC's AS degree planning sheet or catalog for approved IAI courses.) **Please work with an advisor when planning your transfer program.**

MCC AS Degree Requirements		MCC AS Degree Requirements	
MCC Courses	Credits	MCC Courses	Credits
Communications (9 SH) ____ ENG151 Composition I(grade of C or better) 3 ____ ENG152 Composition II(grade of C or better) 3 ____ SPE151 Introduction to Speech 3		Intercultural Studies (3 SH) Satisfies ISU's Global Studies requirement. ____ Select 1 course from following: ART155, 165; ANT151, 170; ENG272, 276; GEG203, 204; HIS165; MUS153; PHI160, 261; PLT251, 261, 281	3
Humanities & Fine Arts (9 SH) ____ IAI Humanities 3 ____ IAI Fine Arts 3 ____ IAI Humanities or Fine Arts 3		Computer Literacy ____ CIS110 Computer Literacy	2
Physical and Life Sciences (8 SH) ____ IAI Physical Science 4 ____ IAI Life Science 4		Electives Options may be selected from courses listed below. Complete number of credits for a total of 60. ____ EDU 253 Children w/Exceptionalities 3 ____ EDU 251 Intro to Education (ISU does not require EDU251; however, it gives students good exposure to the profession.) 3	
Social & Behavioral Sciences (9 SH) ____ PSY151 Intro to Psychology 3 ____ *PSY251 Child Psychology 3 ____ IAI Social & Behavioral Science (select from following prefixes: ANT, ECO GEG, HIS, PLT, SOC) 3		Content Area Options ____ Language Arts – EDU252, ENG255, 256, 260, 261 ____ Mathematics – MAT175 ____ Reading – EDU252 ____ Science – BIO157 or 158; CHM115 or 164 or 165; PHY280 or 291; EAS170 or GEG101 or GEL101; BIO263 or 264 ____ Social Science – HIS171, 172, 130 & 131 or 132, 165; IAI Political Science	
Mathematics (6 SH) ____ Select one course from the following: MAT150, 170, 202, 245, 255,171 or 175, 120 or 220 3 ____ Select one course from the following or an additional course from the list above: MAT161, 165, 201, 253, 260 3		Credits for AS degree must total 60. ISU will accept 70transfer credits.	
		TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED	60

* Both PSY251 and ECE120 will satisfy the ISU requirement, C&I210, Child Growth and Development. If you select ECE120, you must also select another IAI Social & Behavioral Sciences course, in order to satisfy MCC's AS degree requirements. (PSY251satisfies a Social & Behavioral Sciences requirement for MCC's AS degree.)

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