

**Northern Illinois University**  
**McHenry County College Transfer Guide**  
**Elementary 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 Northern Illinois University's Elementary Education program for kindergarten through 9<sup>th</sup> grade. The degree granted is the Bachelor of Science in Education.

**Transfer Options**

- **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 (Additional course requirements may be needed for specific NIU majors.)
- **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. Specific majors may require additional coursework.
- **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.
  - 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. The IAI GECC may not be completed at NIU.

**Admission to the Elementary Education Program**

- Students must be admitted to the University and also apply for admission to the major through the Department of Literacy Education. (University admission does not constitute eligibility for admission into the Elementary Education program.) Up to 120 students are accepted into the Elementary Education professional program courses each semester.
- **Pre-admission requirements** - Admission to the program is competitive; satisfying these requirements does not guarantee admission.
  - Passing scores on the Illinois Certification Testing Systems Basic Skills Test; students must submit a copy of their official passing score with the departmental application.
  - Overall GPA of at least 3.0 (as calculated by NIU)
  - Completion of the following courses with at least the grade of C or better (ENG151, ENG152, and SPE151 must be completed before applying to the program. All other courses must be completed by the end of the semester of application):

NIU Course	MCC Equivalent	NIU Course	MCC Equivalent
ENGL 103	ENG 151	EPFE 201	No equivalent
ENGL 104	ENG 152	EPS 300	PSY 271
COMS100	SPE151	EPS 304	No equivalent
MATH 201	MAT 201 and 202	ETT 229 (NIU will administer competency exam to test out. For information, call 815-753-9339)	CIS 110 and 210
HIST 260	HIS 170	TLEE 282/EPS 282X	EDU 275
HIST 261	HIS 171 and 172	TLSE 240	EDU 253
PSYC 102	PSY 151	KNPE 245	No equivalent
1 lab science course	IAI lab science course	ARTE 383 or MUSC 373	No equivalent

- **Application deadlines** – Department of Literacy Education: Fall (March 1), Spring (October 1)
  - All required documents must be on file in the Elementary Education Advisement Office by deadline date, including ICTS Basic Skills Test results, Criminal Background Check/Fingerprinting through NIU, and proof of tuberculosis testing.
  - Students must be admitted to the elementary education program before they can enroll in the First Professional Semester courses.

**Additional Information**

- Completion of all NIU general education requirements prior to admission to the first professional semester of elementary education is encouraged.
- **Endorsement** - Elementary Education majors are encouraged to complete an 18 semester hour area of endorsement in Social Sciences, Language Arts, Foreign Language (Spanish), General Science, or Mathematics. Areas of need in Illinois are Spanish, General Science, and Mathematics. The endorsement in Mathematics requires very specific courses. Please check with elementary education advisors at NIU for endorsement course work selection.
- **Regarding the minimum 100-clock-hour pre-clinical experience:**
  - Maximum of 30 clock hours accepted in transfer.
  - Minimum of 70 clock hours must be taken at NIU.
- **Grade requirement** - A grade of C or better is necessary for all coursework required for a teaching certificate degree program. This requirement includes general education and professional courses.
- **GPA Calculation** – Repeated courses for which a grade of C or better was earned in the first attempt will not be calculated into the admission GPA or be accepted for transfer credit. If D or F courses are repeated, the second attempt only will be utilized in calculating the GPA. Certain majors require special admission grading policies.
- **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.

**Education Plan - Courses that are listed in bold print are pre-admission requirements**

<b>MCC AS Degree Requirements</b>			
<b>MCC Courses</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>MCC Courses</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b>Communications</b>		<b>Intercultural Studies</b>	
____ <b>ENG151 Composition I (C or better)</b>	3	____ Intercultural Studies	3
____ <b>ENG152 Composition II (C or better)</b>	3		
____ <b>SPE151 Intro to Public Speaking</b>	3	<b>Computer Literacy</b>	
		____ <b>CIS110 Comp Literacy</b>	2
<b>Humanities &amp; Fine Arts</b>		<b>Electives</b>	
____ IAI Humanities	3	____ <b>CIS210Intro to Technology in Ed</b>	1
____ IAI Fine Arts	3	____ <b>EDU253 Children with Exceptionalities</b>	3
____ IAI Humanities or Fine Arts	3	____ <b>HIS171 US History I</b>	3
<b>Physical and Life Sciences</b>		____ <b>PSY271 Educational Psychology</b>	3
____ IAI Physical Science	4	____ <b>EDU275 Classroom Observation</b> (must submit documented elementary education school experience)	3
____ IAI Life Science	4	____ <b>Electives *</b>	4
<b>Social &amp; Behavioral Sciences</b>			
____ <b>HIS170 US History I</b>	3		
____ <b>HIS172 US History III</b>	3		
____ <b>PSY151 Intro to Psychology</b>	3		
<b>Mathematics</b>		<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	
____ <b>MAT201 Math Foundations for EI Ed I</b>	3	60 credits required for an MCC AS degree.	<b>60</b>
____ <b>MAT202 Math Foundations for EI Ed II</b>	3		

\*Consult the NIU contact person listed on this guide for coursework you can take at MCC to satisfy endorsement credit.

\*The following courses can be completed through NIU and transferred back to MCC to complete the AS degree:

- EPFE201 Education as an Agent for Change (3 credits)
- KNPE245 Physical Education for Children (3 credits)
- Lower-level courses taken for endorsement credit

**My MCC Education Plan**

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