

**Northern Illinois University**  
**Special Education**  
**McHenry County College Transfer Guide**  
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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 check with the four-year school as soon as the transfer decision is made. Responsibility for complying with all applicable requirements ultimately rests with the student.

This transfer plan is designed as an advising tool for students who plan to major in Special Education through the Department of Teaching and Learning at Northern Illinois University. A student who completes the Bachelor of Science in Education degree with a major in Special Education qualifies for State of Illinois Type 10 Teaching Certification-Learning Behavior Specialist I (K-12).

### **Admission Notes**

- Students must be admitted to Northern Illinois University through the Office of Admissions.
- Results of the ICTS Basic Skills Test must be submitted prior to registering for selected Special Education professional courses. **Transfer students are strongly encouraged to successfully complete this test before transferring to NIU.**
- A finger print based criminal background check through the Illinois State Police is required. For more information, go to [www.teachercertification.niu.edu/](http://www.teachercertification.niu.edu/)
- Application deadlines: Fall (August 1), Spring (December 1), Summer (May 15)  
All required documents must be on file at NIU by the deadline dates. Early application is recommended
- Before registering for special education methods and clinical course work (TLSE420, 435, 454, & 466), a minimum 3.0 NIU cumulative GPA is required, a passing score report on the Illinois Test of Basic Skills, and completion of the following courses:

<u>NIU Course</u>	<u>MCC Equivalent</u>
TLSE240 (grade of "C" or better)	EDU253
TLSE375 (grade of "C" or better)	No equivalent
TLSE260	No equivalent (may document at least 30 contact hours to meet this requirement upon transfer – contact NIU advisor for information)

### **Additional Information**

- Please refer to the following website for the latest information regarding limited admission major requirements: <http://www.niu.edu/admissions/transfer/transfercenter/limited/index.shtml>. The site is updated in August or September of each academic year.
  - Completion of all NIU general education requirements prior to admission in the professional semester of special education is encouraged. The following options satisfy NIU's general education requirements for transfer students:
    - Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Core Curriculum (IAI GECC)
    - An MCC A.A. or A.S. degree
    - Satisfy individual NIU general education requirements
- Work with an advisor to select the best transfer option for you.**
- Dual Admission is recommended for early and thorough NIU advisement. See an MCC advisor for more information.
  - Program requirements are subject to change by Illinois State Board of Education.

The following table shows course work for the student who wishes to complete the IAI core at MCC or who wishes to complete individual courses that will transfer into NIU's general education core. The courses listed in bold print are specific course requirements for the Special Education major. Courses with an asterisk (\*) require the grade of "C" or better.

**It is always recommended that you work with an MCC advisor when selecting courses for transfer.**

<b>NIU Basic Curriculum</b>	<b>Hours Required IAI Core</b>	<b>MCC Equivalents</b>
<b>Core Competencies</b> (12 credits)		<b>IAI Core Courses</b>
<b>ENGL103*</b> <b>ENGL104*</b> <b>COMS100</b> <b>MATH201*</b>	3 3 3 3	<b>ENG 151*</b> <b>ENG 152*</b> <b>SPE 151</b> <b>201* &amp; 202*</b> (both must be taken)
<b>Distributive Studies</b> (A minimum of 29 semester hours are required with no more than 3 courses from any one department)		
<b>Science &amp; Mathematics</b> (7-11 credits from at least 2 different departments)	8 (Select 1 life science and 1 physical science course.)	<b>Life Science:</b> BIO 105, 110, 130, 137, 157, 158; HRT 103  <b>Physical Science:</b> CHM 115, 164, 165; EAS 120, 170, 171, 180; GEG 101+102; GEL 101+103; PHY 280, 291
<b>Humanities &amp; the Arts</b> (9-12 credits with at least 1 from the Humanities and 1 from the Visual and Performing Arts)  <b>Visual and Performing Arts:</b> (select 1 course from the following) ARTH282, 291, 292, 293; MUSC220; THEA203	9 (Must include at least one course taken in the humanities at least one course taken in the visual and performing arts, and no more than 6 semester hours in any one department).	<b>Humanities:</b> ENG 240, 251, 253, 254, 255, 256, 260, 261, 270, 271 or 272, 275, 276 Foreign Language: FRE 252 or GER 252 or SPA252 HUM 150 PHI 151, 155, 160, 251, 261, 262  <b>Visual and Performing Arts:</b> (select 1 course from the following) ART 151, 171, 172 or 173; MUS 151 THE 151
<b>Social Science</b> (6-9 credits from at least 2 different departments) <b>HIST260**</b> <b>HIST261**</b> <b>GEOG202</b> <b>POLS100</b> <b>PSYC102</b>  <b>**Note – History courses are in the NIU Humanities requirements. If you are completing individual NIU general education courses rather than IAI core, use HIS170 &amp; 171+172 to satisfy Humanities requirements.</b>	9 (from at least 2 different departments)	<b>HIS170**</b> <b>HIS171+172**</b> <b>GEG202 or 203</b> <b>PLT151</b> <b>PSY151</b>  <b>**Note – History courses are in the NIU Humanities requirements. If you are completing individual NIU general education courses rather than IAI core, use HIS170 &amp; 171 + 172 to satisfy Humanities requirements.</b>
<b>Interdisciplinary Studies</b> <b>EPFE201</b>	3	Interdisciplinary Studies is not an IAI core requirement <b>No equivalent</b>
<b>Additional Pre-Professional Education Course Work</b>		
<b>ETT229</b> (NIU will administer Proficiency exam) <b>TLSE240*</b> <b>TLSE260</b>  <b>TLSE375*</b>		<b>CIS110 + 210</b>  <b>EDU253*</b> <b>No equivalent</b> TLSE 260 credit will be awarded by waiver or specific course credit if a special education experience is documented. (30 hours of contact experience with individuals with disabilities) All other pre-clinical experiences in special education must be completed at NIU. <b>No equivalent</b>