

## Eastern Illinois University Special Education Transfer Guide (2023-2024 catalog)

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Eastern Illinois University (EIU) offers the BS in Special Education degree with two options: Early Childhood Option and Standard Special Option. The program qualifies graduates to seek Illinois teacher licensure, K-12 in Special Education, Learning Behavior Specialist (LBS) I. Special Education majors may add the following endorsements by supplementing coursework with the aid of an academic advisor in the Department of Special Education:

- Early Childhood endorsement by supplementing the Early Childhood Special Education Option
- Elementary endorsement by supplementing the Standard Special Option
- High school endorsement by school by supplementing the Standard Special Option

EIU's program is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

### Transfer Options

- **Guaranteed Admission** to the University at time of transfer under following conditions: high school graduate, minimum of 24 transferable semester credit hours, minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA, general education and major-related coursework completed that is required for admission to the intended EIU baccalaureate program, good standing at community college
  - Eligible for admission to the EIU Honors Program with a 3.5 transferable cumulative GPA
  - Academic advising from MCC academic advisors and EIU transfer support staff
  - Clear path to select degree programs
  - **Steps to Participate-** Submit [Participation Form](#) found on EIU's Transfer Admissions website at least one year in advance of first semester at EIU.
- **Completion of the AA degree or the Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Core Curriculum (IAI GECC)** prior to transfer is strongly recommended but not required.
- **General Education** – Completion of one of the following transfer options satisfies EIU's general education requirements for transfer students. **Note: Special Education majors require specific general education coursework, in addition to a course in cultural diversity and American National Government (see education plan on this guide).**
  - IAI GECC
  - Associate in Arts (AA) or Associate in Science (AS)
- **For students who transfer prior to completing an AA or AS degree or the IAI core:**
  - EIU credit can be transferred back to MCC for completion of a baccalaureate-oriented associates degree.
  - IAI core may be completed at EIU by taking EIU-approved IAI courses.

### Admission Notes

- **Application and admission to Eastern Illinois University.** Applications for admission to the University are accepted throughout the year; however, it is recommended that all information be received in the Office of Admissions at least 4 - 8 months before the semester begins. **Admission criteria to University** ([www.eiu.edu/transfer/](http://www.eiu.edu/transfer/)):
  - **24 or more transfer semester hours** – 2.0 cumulative GPA based on ALL college-level work attempted **and** a 2.0 cumulative GPA from last institution attended
  - **Fewer than 24 transfer semester hours** – 2.0 cumulative GPA on all college-level work attempted and from last institution attended **and** meet freshmen admission requirements.

## Application and admission to Teacher Education Programs

- **Attend the required University Admission to Teacher Education meeting.** Formal application forms and important information will be provided. Transfer students must attend this meeting no later than 30 days after initial enrollment at EIU. For meeting dates, go to the following website: [www.eiu.edu/coe/teached.php](http://www.eiu.edu/coe/teached.php)
- **Selection Process includes:**
  - Formal application for University Admission to Teacher Education
  - Completion of at least 29 semester hours
  - Established minimum cumulative GPA of 2.65/4.0. Transfer students may use transfer GPA if application for University Admission to Teacher Education is submitted no later than 30 days after initial enrollment at EIU.
- **University Approval to Take Teacher Education Courses:**
  - Be selected to Teacher Education Program
  - Submit a letter of intent to Office of the Dean, College of Education & Professional Studies
  - Establish and maintain a cumulative EIU GPA 2.65/4.0
  - Complete Speech and Hearing Clearance. Phone Speech, Language, Hearing Clinic for appointment, Phone: 217-581-2712, fee applies
  - Complete the first required Criminal Background Investigation, fee applies
  - Document grade of C or better in the following courses (MCC equivalents in parentheses): ENG1001G, Comp. & Lang. (*ENG151*); ENG1002G, Comp. & Lit. (*ENG152*); CMN1310G, Intro. to Speech Communication (*SPE151*); MAT1420 & 2420 (*MAT201 & 202*); and ELE2050 The Whole Child: Teaching & Learning in the Educational Environment (*Combination of EDU 251 & PSY 251*)

## Additional Notes

- **GPA Calculation for Admission** – For repeat courses, EIU uses the most recent repeated grade for calculating.
- **Grade requirement** - Grade of C or better required for all coursework
- **Foreign Language Graduation Requirement** – Completion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of a college foreign language or 2 full years of a single high school foreign language with a grade of C or better. Recommended prior to transfer.
- **Maximum number of credits accepted from a community college** - At least 40 semester hours must be earned from a 4-year school at the upper division, (at least 30 semester hours must be earned at EIU.)

## Education Plan – Special Education

Please refer to MCC's AA degree planning sheet or catalog for approved IAI and Diversity & Multicultural Studies course options, rules pertaining to course selection and detailed AA degree requirements. **Minimum grade of C required.**

MCC AA Degree Requirements		MCC AA Degree Requirements	
MCC Courses	Credits	MCC Courses	Credits
<b>Communications (9 SH)</b>		<b>*Diversity &amp; Multicultural Studies</b>	
____ ENG151 Composition I	3	Two 3-credit hour courses are required. Courses that fulfill this requirement may be used to satisfy requirements in Humanities/ Fine Arts, Social/Behavioral Sciences, or Electives. See current MCC catalog or AA planning sheet for course options.	
____ ENG152 Composition II	3		
____ SPE151 Introduction to Speech	3		
<b>*Humanities &amp; Fine Arts (9 SH)</b>		<b>Electives</b>	
(No more than 2 courses can be chosen with the same prefix.)		Options may be selected from courses listed below.	
____ IAI Humanities (must have ENG prefix)	3	<b>Complete number of credits to meet the AA degree requirement of 60 credits.</b>	
____ IAI Fine Arts: select from ART151, 171, 172;	3	____ EDU253 Children with Exceptionalities	3
MUS151, 154; THE151		____ CDM111+205 Computer Lit/Tech in Education	4
____ IAI Humanities or Fine Arts	3	____ PLT151 US Government	3
<b>Physical and Life Sciences (8 SH)</b>		____ Earth Science course (select 1 course: EAS101, 120, 180; GEG107; GEL105)	4
____ IAI Physical Science: select from CHM115, 164, 165	4	____ PHY280 General Physics I	4
____ IAI Life Science: BIO157	4	____ EDU 251 & PSY 251 (both required for EIU's ELE 2050)	6
<b>*Social &amp; Behavioral Sciences (9 SH)</b>		____ EDU255 Diversity of Schools (satisfies EIU EDF255 and diversity requirement)	3
____ HIS170 or 172	3	____ Foreign Language (if needed)	0-8
____ GEG 202	3		
____ ANT 151, PLT 251, PSY 151 or SOC 251	3		
<b>Note:</b> PSY151 is prereq for EDU253			
<b>Mathematics (6 SH)</b>			
____ MAT201 Math Foundations for Elem Ed I	3	NOTE: EIU requires that at least 56 semester hours be earned from a 4-year school.	
____ MAT202 Math Foundations for Elem Ed II	3	<b>Total Credits Required for AA Degree - 60</b>	