

Illinois State University
B.S. in Nursing Transfer Guide
(2023/2024 Catalog)

ISU's curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing is approved by the Committee on Nursing of the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation and is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing 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.

Transfer Options

First time transfer students to ISU are recommended to complete MCC's AA degree or the Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Core Curriculum (IAI GECC).

- **RedBird Promise** guaranteed admission to the University (not to specific major) - Specific requirements are as follows:
 - Complete the Redbird Promise Participation Form.
 - Complete AA or AS degree prior to Illinois State enrollment.
 - Achieve a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.4/4.0 in all transferable academic coursework (at all colleges/universities attended) and be in good academic standing at your community college.
- **AA Degree** - Transfer students admitted to ISU from an Illinois public community college who have completed an AA degree receive the following benefits (AS degree under MCC's 2015/16 or earlier catalog):
 - Junior status
 - ISU general education requirements satisfied (nursing requires specific coursework)
- **Illinois Articulation Agreement (GECC Credential)** – Transfer students who have been certified by a participating Illinois college or university as having completed the GECC Credential will be considered as having satisfied ISU's general education requirements if their general education component has a minimum of 37 semester hours (nursing requires specific coursework).
- **For students who transfer prior to completing an AA degree or the IAI core:**
 - ISU credit can be transferred back to MCC for completion of AA degree.
 - IAI core may be completed at ISU by taking ISU-approved IAI courses.
 - *** Nursing requires that general education is completed prior to transfer either through the AA or IAI completion at MCC.

Admission Information

- **Application and admission** - Students are strongly advised to study the ISU catalog and to consult with a counselor for specific admission and course requirements within the College of Nursing.
- Beginning in 2018, transfer students will be admitted to the nursing program during a Fall term only. Previously, the College had a summer or spring start date.
- **Application period** – August 1, 2023 - January 15, 2024 for Fall 2024 nursing admission. All supporting materials must be received by February 1, 2024, **including** official transcript verifying completion of Human Anatomy & Physiology I (BIO263) or Microbiology (BIO255) with a minimum C grade.
- Designate "Nursing - Prelicensure" as your major choice on the ISU admission application.
- **Admission Criteria** - Admission is limited and based on space availability and competitiveness of applicant pool. Factors that may be considered include, but are not limited to: college courses completed, hours completed, grades in prerequisite courses, cumulative GPA, quality of essay, healthcare experience, and CNA certification. CNA certification is not required, but it may enable an applicant to be more competitive in the applicant pool. The average admitted student profile to the major is 3.77-4.00.
- **Admission GPA** - For repeat courses, ISU uses the most recent repeated grade for calculating admission GPA.
- **Admission for Fall 2020**- The following must be completed prior to starting nursing courses (fall enrollment):

- Minimum 55 credits (including the entire IAI GECC – 37 credits)
- Required prerequisites with grade of C or better
 - CHM164 Introductory Chemistry
 - MAT120 or MAT220 Statistics
 - PSY151 Intro to Psychology
 - PSY250 Human Dev Over Life Span
 - *BIO255 Microbiology
 - *BIO263 & BIO264 Anatomy & Physiology I & II
 - HFE250 Nutrition for Wellness
 - AOM135 Medical Terminology

* Anatomy and Physiology I or Microbiology must be completed with transcripts received by January 15 prior to fall enrollment

Additional Information

- **Grade Requirement** - ISU will accept a minimum D for general education requirements (except ENG151 & 152). All prerequisite and major related courses require a minimum grade of C or better.
- **Maximum hours from a community college** - Up to 70 credits may be transferred from a community college.
- **Catalog Rule** – Transfer students are placed in the catalog associated with their term of ISU admission. A transfer student is eligible for a previous catalog (up to 2 years prior to assigned catalog) if it is in the student’s best interest. Transfer admission counselors will work closely with transfer students to make sure students are not disadvantaged.
- **Global Studies Requirement (AMALI)**– All students must complete a designated course in the cultures and traditions of societies of peoples from Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America, or Indigenous Peoples of the World. IAI courses with number ending with N will fulfill the requirement
- **Addition (2023) of the ISU ‘IDEAS’ requirement:** Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access in U.S. Society Requirement (IDEAS) – All students must complete a designated course designed to recognize the benefits and challenges of living in a diverse society and to address the influence of power among social groups within the United States. IAI courses with a number ending with D will fulfill the requirement.
 - Please see the transfer articulation guide for MCC located at <https://registrar.illinoisstate.edu/transfer/courses/> for courses that satisfy the aforementioned requirements. It is recommended that students find an AMALI or IDEAS course that also satisfies an IAI GECC course.
- For students who are admitted to the BSN program, ISU recommends that NUR224, Contemporary Professional Nursing (1 cr) and NUR237, Cultural & Spiritual Dimensions in Healthcare (1 cr) be taken during the summer prior to the fall start term.
- **Fixed Tuition Pledge** – Illinois State locks in tuition and fees for four years.
- **Transfer Student Scholarship (NEW: automatic!)** – Up to \$3,000 (up to \$1,500 per year, renewable for two years of undergraduate career). The Transfer Student Scholarship is automatically awarded to first-time transfer students based on academic merit and the competitiveness of the applicant pool, beginning with students applying for summer 2020. To be eligible, students must have at least a 3.5 cumulative transfer GPA and apply for admission in the preferred filing period. Students must have at least 12 earned college-level credit hours by the end of the filing period and 24 credit hours completed hours by the time of enrollment. No separate scholarship application is required. Award winners will be notified on a rolling basis, and awards will be offered as funds remain available.

Education Plan - Coursework satisfies MCC’s AA degree, along with ISU’s general education and nursing prerequisite requirements. Courses in **bold** print are ISU nursing prerequisite requirements and must be completed with a grade of C or better. Refer to the MCC’s current catalog for IAI course options and detailed AA degree requirements.

MCC AA 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		
*Humanities & Fine Arts (9 SH)			
(No more than 2 courses with the same prefix.)			
_____ IAI Humanities	3		
_____ IAI Fine Arts	3		
_____ IAI Humanities or Fine Arts	3		
Physical and Life Sciences (8 SH)			
_____ CHM164 Introduction to Chemistry	4		
_____ BIO157 Fundamentals of Biology (C or better)	4		
*Social & Behavioral Sciences (9 SH)			
(No more than 2 courses with the same prefix.)			
_____ PSY151 Intro to Psychology	3		
_____ PSY250 Human Dev Over Life Span	3		
_____ IAI Social & Behavioral Science (select from following prefixes: ANT, ECO,GEG, HIS, PLT, SOC) (It is recommended to take SOC 151 to also satisfy IDEAS)	3		
Mathematics (3 SH)			
_____ MAT120 or 220 Statistics	3		
		*Diversity & Multicultural Studies	
		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.	
		Electives	
		_____ AOM135 Medical Terminology	3
		_____ BIO255 Microbiology	4
		_____ BIO263 Anatomy & Physiology I	4
		_____ BIO264 Anatomy & Physiology II	4
		_____ HFE250 Nutrition for Wellness	3
		_____ Elective credits to satisfy 60 credit AA requirement	
		TOTAL CREDITS - minimum of 60 required for AA	
		A maximum of 70 credits from a community college can apply toward an ISU degree.	