

Illinois State University Early Childhood Education Transfer Guide (2023-2024 Catalog)

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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 approves Illinois State University's Early Childhood Education Teacher Education Program (from Birth through Grade 2). Students choose one of the following focus areas to fulfill the 9 hours of elective credit in the program: ESL English as a Second Language, Reading Teacher, Bilingual Education, or Special Education.

Transfer Options

- **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.
- **Completion of the AA degree or the Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Core Curriculum (GECC Credential) prior to transfer is strongly recommended but not required.**
- **General Education** – The following options satisfy ISU's university general education requirements for transfer students (**Important Note** - The Early Childhood Education program requires that you take specific general education courses)
 - IAI GECC, including an AMALI course (cultures and traditions of Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America, or Indigenous Peoples of the World)
 - An MCC AA degree, including an AMALI course
- **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.

General Admission Guidelines

- Submit an online application to the Office of Admissions for acceptance into the University as an Early Childhood Education major. Application to the University one year in advance of the semester you would like to enroll is recommended.
- **Application Deadlines** – Early application during preferred filing period is recommended. Early application allows participation in advanced course registration. Students applying or submitting required documents after the preferred filing period will be admitted as space permits. Deadlines are subject to change. For admission details, please refer to this website: <http://admissions.illinoisstate.edu/>.
 - **Summer & Fall:** Application Deadline – May 1; Required Document Deadline – June 1; Preferred Filing Period – September 1 – January 1
 - **Spring:** Application Deadline – November 1; Required Document Deadline – November 1; Preferred Filing Period – April 1 – August 1.
- **Admission GPA Calculation** – Minimum 2.7 GPA. For repeat courses, ISU uses the last repeated grade for calculating admission GPA.

Professional Studies

Admittance to Professional Studies is a prerequisite for enrollment in certain courses. The 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
- Criminal background self-assessment and an Illinois State Police background clearance
- Verification of a negative TB test (must be updated annually)

Additional Information

- **Recommended courses prior to transferring:**
 - TCH210 Child Growth & Development (ECE120 or PSY251)
 - TCH110 Cross Cultural Teaching and Learning (EDU255)
 - SED101 Disability, Learning, and Education (EDU253)
 - Completion of the AA degree or the IAI GECC core
- **Time to graduation** - Transfer students with TCH210 (ECE120 or PSY251), TCH110 (EDU255), SED101 (EDU253) and all general education requirements complete may be able to graduate in two years.
- **Maximum hours from a community college** - Up to 70 academic credits
- **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.
- **Please note that mandatory Illinois state standards for teacher education majors take precedence over the Catalog Rule.**
- **Grade Requirement** - 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.
- **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 - Early Childhood Education major

Please refer to MCC's AA degree planning sheet or catalog for approved IAI courses. **A grade of C or better is required for ALL coursework.**

MCC AA Degree Requirements			
MCC Courses	Credits	MCC Courses	Credits
Communications (9 SH) _____ ENG151 Composition I _____ ENG152 Composition II _____ SPE151 Intro to Speech	3 3 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. Recommended: GEG203 Geog of Developing World (see elective course recommendations) Electives _____ Select 1 course from following: EAS101, 120, 185 Earth Science, Meteorology, Natural Hazards _____ ***ECE120 or PSY251 Child Growth & Dev or Child Psych _____ *ECO150 or 251 or 252 Intro to Economics or Microeconomics or Macroeconomics or MAT120 General Education Math _____ EDU 251(ISU does not require EDU251; however, it gives students good exposure to the profession and is prerequisite for EDU255.) _____ EDU253 Children with Exceptionalities _____ EDU255 Diversity of Schools _____ **GEG203 Geog of Developing World Credits for AA degree must total 60. ISU will accept 70 transfer credits.	3-4 3 3 3 3 3 3
Humanities & Fine Arts (9 SH) (No more than 2 courses can be chosen with the same prefix.) _____ IAI Humanities _____ IAI Fine Arts _____ IAI Humanities or Fine Arts	3 3 3		
Physical and Life Sciences (8 SH) _____ BIO157 or BIO158 Fundamentals of Biology or Evolution & Biodiversity _____ CHM115 or CHM164 or CHM165 or PHY280 Chemistry & Society or Introductory Chemistry General Chemistry I or Principles of Physics I	4 4		
Social & Behavioral Sciences (9 SH) _____ PSY151 Intro to Psychology (prereq for EDU253) _____ PLT151 US Government _____ HIS170 or 172 US History I or II	3 3 3		
Mathematics (3 SH) _____ *IAI Math	3-6		
*NOTE: MAT202 is required for Elementary Education. MAT120 is not. If you are considering Elementary Education, it may in your best interest to take MAT201 and MAT202 and ECO150 or 151 to satisfy the economics requirement.			

*MAT120 will satisfy both the economics and math requirement.

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** **Diversity & Multicultural Studies:** GEG203 is recommended because it satisfies an MCC Diversity & Multicultural Studies requirement and ISU's World Geography requirement and AMALI course (cultures and traditions of Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America, or Indigenous Peoples of the World).

** **Both PSY251 and ECE120** will satisfy the ISU requirement, TCH210 Child Growth and Development.