

Illinois State University
McHenry County College Transfer Guide
Elementary Education and Bilingual/Bicultural
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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.

In the state of Illinois, Elementary Education Teacher Education licensure is for grades 1-6. Illinois State University (ISU) offers the Bachelor of Science in Education degree. Students choose 1 additional endorsements: ESL English as a Second Language, or Reading Teacher,. Bilingual/Bicultural endorsement is also available as a sequence in the Elementary Education program.

Transfer Options

Guaranteed Admission Option – Students who meet the following criteria are guaranteed admission to ISU’s Elementary Education program:

- Completed AA or AS degree (with IAI GECC noted on transcript)
- Minimum 2.7 cumulative GPA (includes coursework taken at other institutions)
- Completion of coursework listed on this transfer guide prior to transferring.
- Apply during Preferred Filing Period

General Transfer Options

- **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 general education requirements for transfer students (**Important Note** - The Elementary 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 the 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 Elementary Education or Bilingual/Bicultural. 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**
 - Elementary Education and Bilingual/Bicultural Elementary Education - Minimum 2.7 GPA
 - For repeat courses, the last repeated grade is used 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 Elementary Education or Bilingual/Bicultural 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 transfer:**
 - Composition (ENG151 & 152)
 - COM110, Speech (SPE151)
 - MAT152, Dimensions of Mathematical Reasoning (MAT201 & 202)
 - 3 science courses: biology, physical & earth/space (see Education Plan below)
 - 4 required social science courses: US history, national government, economics, world geography (see Education Plan below)
 - ISU AMALI requirement (GEG203 recommended)
 - TCH210, Child growth and development (ECE120 **or** PSY251)
 - SED101, Disability, Learning, and Education (EDU253)
 - ENG170, Children's literature (ENG277 or EDU252)
 - MAT119, College Algebra (MAT161) or show College Algebra Competency in one of the following ways:
 - ALEKS math placement assessment
 - Evidence of passing (C or greater) a higher-level math course of which Algebra is a basis: precalc or calculus
 - Completion of the AA degree or the IAI GECC.
- **Maximum hours from a community college** - Up to 70 academic 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. **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 licensure 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 for Elementary Education or a Bilingual/Bicultural - Refer to MCC's AA degree planning sheet or catalog for approved IAI courses and detailed degree requirements. **It is extremely important to work with an MCC academic advisor.**

MCC AA Degree Requirements			
MCC Courses	Credits	MCC Courses	Credits
Communications (9 SH) _____ ENG151 Composition I _____ ENG152 Composition II _____ SPE151 Introduction 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 Geography 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 _____ _____ EDU 251(ISU does not require EDU251; however, it gives students good exposure to the profession.) _____ EDU 253 Children with Exceptionalities _____ EDU 255 Diversity of Schools (required for ESL and Bilingual) _____ ECO150 or 251 or 252 Intro to Economics or Microeconomics or Macroeconomics _____ **GEG203 or 202 Geog of Developing World or Geog of Developed World (GEG203 recommended) _____ MAT161 College Algebra (students have option of placing out of this requirement) Additional Electives for Bilingual/Bicultural _____ SPA151 – 251 Elementary Spanish – Intermediate Spanish _____ HIS 165 – History of Latin America TOTAL CREDITS - minimum of 60 required for AA A maximum of 70 credits from a community college can apply toward an ISU degree.	
Humanities & Fine Arts (9 SH) _____ *ENG277 Intro to Children's Literature _____ IAI Fine Arts _____ IAI Humanities or Fine Arts (SPA252 – Bilingual/Bicultural)	3 3 3-4		
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 (6 SH) _____ MAT201 Math Foundations for Elem Ed I _____ MAT202 Math Foundations for Elem Ed II	3 3		
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* **Both ENG277 and EDU252** will satisfy the ISU requirement, ENG170 Children's Literature. If you select EDU252, it will count as elective credit in MCC's AA degree. You will need to select an IAI Humanities course in place of ENG277 shown on the chart above.

** **Diversity & Multicultural Studies: GEG203 is recommended** because it satisfies an MCC Diversity & Multicultural Studies requirement and ISU's World Geography and AMALI requirement (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, TCH120 Child Growth and Development.