

Illinois State University
McHenry County College Transfer Guide
Special 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.

The State of Illinois approves Illinois State University's Special Education Program in the following areas: Specialist in Learning and Behavior (K-12), Specialist in Deaf and Hard of Hearing (PreK-12), and Specialist in Low Vision and Blindness (PreK-12).

Transfer Options

- **RedBird Promise** guaranteed admission to the University (**not to specific major; special education has specific admission requirements**):
 - 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 general education requirements for transfer students (**Important Note** - The Special 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.

Admission to the University and the Special Education Program

- Submit an application to the Office of Admissions for acceptance into the University as a Special Education major. Application to the University one year in advance of the semester you would like to enroll in 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 GPA for consideration is 2.7. 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 Special 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 transfer**
 - SED101, Disability, Learning, and Education (EDU253)
 - TCH210, Child growth and development (ECE120 or PSY251)
 - PSY110, Introduction to psychology (PSY151)
 - Math for Elementary Teachers II (MAT202) or any other IAI Math
 - AMALI course (see Education Plan below)
 - Completion of AA degree or the IAI GECC core
- **Time to graduation** - Transfer students with TCH210 (ECE120 or PSY251), SED101 (EDU253), PSY 110 (PSY 151) , ISU AMALI equivalent, all general education requirements complete, can graduate in 5 semesters or 2 ½ years in the LBS program. For Deaf/Hard of Hearing or Teacher of Visually impaired, students can graduate in 6 semesters. Early transfer with reverse articulation is an option.
- **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 takes precedence over the Catalog Rule** in ISU's catalog.
- **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.

