

SPECIAL EDUCATION



Toward a Bachelor of Science Degree

Minimum 62 hours

Transfer Curriculum • Associate in Arts Degree • Minimum 2.0 OGPA • Major Code: DAA

This curriculum is designed for transfer to four year institutions for this major. Consult the website of the four year institution where you plan to transfer, regarding specific course needs, requirements and deadlines.

FIRST YEAR

Fall Semester		Credit Hrs
ENG 121	Rhetoric & Composition I	3
BIOL 121	Introductory Biology	4
HIST 121 or HIST 122	History of Western Civilization	3
PSYC 121	Intro Psychology	3
EDUC 226	Students with Special Needs	3
Total Hours		16

Spring Semester		Credit Hrs
ENG 122	Rhetoric & Composition II	3
HYG 121	Science of Personal Health	3
ART 121 or MUS 121	Art Appreciation Music Appreciation	3
GOVT 121	American Government	3
MATH 128	College Algebra	4
Total Hours		16

SECOND YEAR

Fall Semester		Credit Hrs
EDUC 228	Diversity in Schools & Society	3
COM 121	Principles of Speaking	3
ENG 245 or ENG 246	World Literature Modern Literature	3
PHIL 121 or PHIL 122	Intro to Philosophy Fundamentals of Logic	3
MATH 204	Algebraic and Arithmetic Systems	4
Total Hours		16

Spring Semester		Credit Hrs
PHYSICAL SCIENCE (See Below)		4/5
HIST 242	American History II	3
MATH 205	Geometry for Elementary Teachers	4
EDUC 241	Educational Psychology	3
Total Hours		14/15

The bolded classes on this curriculum guide indicate the minimum a student must complete in order to receive an Associate degree. See advisor for specific transfer information.

PHYSICAL SCIENCES: choose one.

CHEM 123-4 (P1 902L) Basic Org/Inorg Chemistry
CHEM 121-5 (P1 902L) General Chemistry I

PHYS 121-4 (P1 900L) Basic Physics
PHYS 221-5 (P1 900L) General Physics

This curriculum is designed specifically for students transferring to an Illinois College or University for a four-year degree in Special Education.

ALL EDUCATION MAJORS should apply to the 4-year College or University up to one year before they plan to attend. (For example: a student should apply during the Fall Semester before they plan to attend the next Fall Semester) and are advised to take the Illinois Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP) the fall semester of their sophomore year.

ALL EDUCATION MAJORS TRANSFERRING TO ILLINOIS SCHOOLS

- Must earn a C or better in all courses in their major, endorsement area(s), and all Education courses
- Must accrue 12 or more hours at the 300 or 400 level at a four-year institution.
- Must pass the Illinois **Test of Academic Proficiency** (TAP) (formerly the Illinois BASIC SKILLS TEST) or use the **SAT** or **ACT** before acceptance into the Teacher Education Program. Register to take the TAP at: www.icts.nesinc.com. Register to take the ACT at <http://www.actstudent.org>. Register to take the SAT at <http://sat.collegeboard.org/home>. The ACT plus writing with a score of 22 or higher (with a 19 or higher combined English/Writing before 9/1/15 or writing minimum of 16 after 9/1/15) or the SAT with a score of 1030 or higher (critical reading & mathematics with a minimum of 450 in writing before 3/5/16) or 1110 or higher (evidence-based Reading and Writing + Mathematics with a minimum score of 26 on Writing and Language after 3/5/16) may be used in lieu of the TAP if completed within the past ten years. (Students will also need to create an account on ELIS (Educator Licensure Information System) at www.isbe.net/ELIS/default.htm and send official test scores to the Illinois State Board of Education)
- Must pass the Content Test before student teaching. The Assessment of Professional Teaching (APT) must be passed before finishing an approved program.
- A background check is required before observing any early childhood program and/or school. Students may not enter any school or ECE program until the Coordinator of Education and Early Childhood Education has a Background Check on file.
- Must research the Teacher Education Program Entrance Requirements for the college or university where he/she plans to obtain his/her Bachelor of Science Degree for any additional requirements.

The Coordinator of Education and Early Childhood Education will provide information on when and where the Illinois Teacher Licensure exams are given.

Career Opportunities:

Special Education Teacher, Learning Behavior Specialist.

Major Employers:

Public School Systems, Private Schools, Government Institutions.