

EDUCATION: TEACHER EDUCATION MAJORS: Elementary, Secondary, and Special Education Majors (Suggested Associate in Arts Degree Curriculum)

This worksheet is designed to help students select courses which are likely to apply to a major in **ELEMENTARY, SECONDARY, or SPECIAL EDUCATION**. These suggested courses satisfy requirements in the Associate in Arts degree program at Prairie State College and provide the basis for transferring to a four-year institution. This program meets the guidelines of the **IAI (Illinois Articulation Initiative) General Education Core**. Students should obtain a copy of the Prairie State College Associate in Arts Degree Worksheet and should visit the IAI website at www.iTransfer.org for more information. **SECONDARY EDUCATION MAJORS** should also pick up a PROGRAM WORKSHEET for their TEACHING MAJOR (i.e. Biology, English, History, etc.) as secondary education is only a MINOR.

STATE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS IN TEACHER EDUCATION:

To teach in Illinois public schools, teachers must be certified by the State of Illinois. To transfer into a baccalaureate program in education as a junior, students must complete 60-64 credits. Admission to university teacher preparation programs is competitive; completion of the recommended courses does not guarantee acceptance into a program. Students must pass the Illinois Basic Skills Test (www.icts.nesinc.com) which includes reading, writing, grammar, and math, as a university requirement for program admission. Most schools require a criminal background check prior to enrolling in field experience courses. Students should consult an academic advisor at the community college and senior university early and often.

PROFESSIONAL TEACHING CERTIFICATES IN ILLINOIS:

- Early Childhood - Valid for teaching children birth to grade three.
- Elementary - Valid for teaching children kindergarten through grade nine.
- Secondary - Valid for teaching children from grade six through grade twelve.
- Special - Valid for teaching children in the subject specified from kindergarten through grade twelve.
- Special/Special Education - Valid for teaching children with disabilities from pre-school to age 21.

SUGGESTED CURRICULUM

Each senior institution has its own transfer policies. Therefore, we cannot guarantee the accuracy of this information in regard to every individual school. Consult the school of your choice and/or the PSC Advising Center to discuss the transferability of courses.

TRANSFERABLE GENERAL EDUCATION CORE (42-43 credits)

Area A: Communications (9 credits)

ENG 101 (3)	[C1 900]*	Composition I (Prereq. ENG 099, C or better, or qualifying score on English Placement Test)
ENG 102 (3)	[C1 901R]*	Composition II (Prereq. ENG 101 with C or better)
COMM 101 (3)	[C2 900]	Principles of Communication (3) (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

*Must have "C" or better in ENG 101 & 102 to receive credit for the degree.

Area B: Humanities and Fine Arts (9 credits)

Select three courses with at least one course selected from the humanities area and one course from the fine arts area. Refer to the Associate in Arts Degree Worksheet, Area B, for a listing of approved course choices.

Humanities Course (3)	Select any Area B Humanities Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
Fine Arts Course (3)	Select any Area B Fine Arts Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
ENG ____ (3)	Select any literature course except ENG 220 (Prereq. ENG 101, C or better)

Note: In Area B, selecting ART 131, ENG 243, HUMAN 101 or PHILO 205 will also meet a "non-western cultures" course requirement for teachers. Selecting ENG 215 will also meet a "diversity" course requirement for teachers.

Area C: Mathematics (8 credits) (See Math Note before choosing a math course)

MATH 200 (4)	Math for Elementary Teaching I (Prereq. MATH 095 & 096 with C or better OR MATH 095 and high school geometry, both with C or better OR qualifying score on Math Placement Test)
MATH 206 (4) [M1 903]	Math for Elementary Teaching II (Prereq. MATH 200 with C or better)

MATH NOTE: For Secondary and Special Education, other math course choices might include: MATH 112, 115, 153, 155, 171. However check with your transfer school to determine if these courses meet teacher certification requirements. Secondary education majors may choose a math course, from the list above, that satisfies a math requirement in their teaching major.

Area D: Physical and Life Sciences (7-8 credits)

Select one life science course and one physical science course. One course must have a lab component. Refer to the Associate in Arts Degree Worksheet, Area D, for a listing of approved course choices.

Life Science Course (4) (Four credit lab science recommended for Illinois teacher certification)
Physical Science Course (4) (Four credit lab science recommended for Illinois teacher certification)

Area E: Social and Behavioral Sciences (9 credits)

HIST 201 (3) [S2 900] or HIST 202 [S2 901] U.S. History (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
POLSC 140 (3) [S5 900] Intro to U.S. Government & Politics (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
PSYCH 101 (3) [S6 900] Introduction to Psychology (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

Note: In Area E, selecting ANTHR 215; GEOG 101; HIST 111, 112, 115, 116, 140; or POLSC 240 will also meet a “non-western cultures” course requirement for teachers. Selecting SOCIO 215 or 220 will also meet a “diversity” course requirement for teachers.

TEACHER EDUCATION MAJOR COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS (19 credits)

(Check with the school to which you plan to transfer to verify transferability of these courses for this major)*

Select 19 credits from the “suggested” courses recommendations listed below:

Suggested IAI Professional Education Core courses include:

ED 100 (3) Foundations of American Public Education (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
ED 101* (3) Child Growth & Development* (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

OR

PSYCH 102* (3) Human Growth and Development: Lifespan* (Prereq. PSYCH 101)

*[ED 101 is recommended for elementary & special education majors; PSYCH 102 is recommended for secondary education majors]

ED 160 (3) Technology for Teachers
ED 212 (3) Exceptional Child (Prereq. ED 101)
PSYCH 202 (3) Educational Psychology (Prereq. PSYCH 101)

Other suggested education electives often include:

HLTH 101 (2) Health and Wellness

Non-Western Cultures Course Requirement: If one of the following was not already selected in Area B or E, select one non-western cultures course from: ANTHR 215; ART 131; ENG 243; GEOG 101; HIST 111, 112, 115, 116, 140; HUMAN 101; PHILO 205; or POLSC 240.

Diversity Course Requirement: If one of the following was not already selected in Area B or E, select one diversity course from: ENG 215; SOCIO 215 or 220.

One academic discipline course, in the subject area in which you plan to teach, selected in consultation with an advisor. Acceptable disciplines are: math, biology, chemistry economics, English, history, political science, philosophy, physics, psychology, sociology, speech, theatre, or a single foreign language.

Other suggested courses which satisfy the PSC AA degree requirements may include electives such as:

Any additional general education courses selected from Areas B, C, D, or E

Any entry level majors course in a transferable major area

Any foreign language courses*

Up to four credits of physical education courses

Additional courses recommended as transferable by the school to which you plan to transfer.

*Foreign Language Requirement: Some universities have a foreign language requirement. Generally, four years of a single foreign language in high school, or four semesters in college, will fulfill this requirement. It is recommended that students complete the entire sequence at one institution.

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FOR TEACHER CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

Illinois State Board of Education: www.isbe.state.il.us

Approved Teacher Certification Programs in Illinois: www.isbe.net/profprep/PDFs/Directory.pdf

Certification information for new teachers in Illinois: www.isbe.net/certification/html/becoming_teacher.htm

Illinois Certification Testing System (Basic Skills Test): www.icts.nesinc.com

FOR TRANSFER INFORMATION:

u.select, formerly known as Course Applicability System (CAS): www.transfer.org

Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI): www.iTransfer.org

Links to Articulation Tables for Illinois Colleges: <http://www.itransfer.org/IAI/Other/Articulationlinks.taf>

Visit the web sites of colleges and universities to which you plan to transfer.

FOR CAREER INFORMATION:

Occupational Outlook Handbook, U.S. Department of Labor: <http://www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm>