

Harper College Transfer Planning Guide

Associate in Arts – Special Education Sample Plan

Transfer & Career Notes

All states require public special education teachers to be certified. Certification requirements vary by state, although generally they include a bachelor's degree from a four-year program and completion of an approved teacher education program. Almost all states require applicants for certification to be tested for competency in basic skills, teaching skills, or subject matter. At most institutions students major in the subject they wish to teach along with taking their education certification coursework.

Many programs allow students to concentrate in behavioral or learning disorders.

Admission requirements to schools of education are often higher than admission requirements to the university itself.

Prior to and during student teaching, students should have a variety of involvements with children and youth. Some of these experiences may be built into class time; others will need to be done by the student's initiative. Most teacher education programs require a student to have a minimum of 100 hours in laboratory and clinical experience before entering student teaching. Some schools will accept Harper's EDU 202 to satisfy part of this clinical experience requirement.

Suggested Courses

This sample transfer planning guide meets the requirements of the Fall 2017 AA degree. Transfer institution requirements may vary. Students should check individual college/university requirements before completing the sample plan as outlined. Baccalaureate admission may be competitive; completion of these courses alone does not guarantee admission.

Requirements for schools vary. Students should check the individual school requirements before completing the curriculum as outlined.

Courses	Semester Hours
First Semester	
Communication - ENG 101 English Composition I	3
Mathematics - See Group 2 in the AA Degree and transfer school information	3
Social & Behavioral Sciences – HST 111 or HST 112 is recommended	3
Major Discipline and Transfer Elective - EDU 201 Introduction to Education	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences – PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology	3
Second Semester	
Communication - ENG 102 English Composition II	3
Physical & Life Sciences - See Group 3 in the AA Degree and transfer school information	3
Major Discipline and Transfer Elective – EDU 202 Pre-Student Teaching Clinical Experience	1
Major Discipline and Transfer Elective – EDU 211 Educational Psychology	3
Social and Behavioral Science – PSC 101 is recommended	3
Humanities and Fine Arts* – See Group 4 in the AA Degree and transfer school information	3
Third Semester	
Physical and Life Sciences - See Group 3 in the AA Degree and transfer school information	4
Humanities and Fine Arts* – See Group 4 in the AA Degree and transfer school information	3
Communication - SPE 101 Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3
Major Discipline and Transfer Elective – EDU 219 Students with Disabilities in Schools	3
Major Discipline and Transfer Elective – ECE 102 Child Development	3
Fourth Semester	
Major Discipline and Transfer Elective – EDU 250 Introduction to Technology in Education	3
Humanities and Fine Arts* – See Group 4 in the AA Degree and transfer school information	3
Major Discipline and Transfer Elective – See Group 6 in AA Degree and transfer school information	7

* For Humanities and Fine Arts select at least one course from humanities and one from fine arts. Interdisciplinary courses may count in either category.

One course from humanities and fine arts or social and behavioral sciences must meet the world cultures and diversity requirement for the Associate in Arts degree.

Transfer Information

Many schools offer the special education major. A sampling of some in Illinois include:

- Bradley University
- Eastern Illinois University
- Elmhurst College
- Illinois State University
- Loyola University
- Northeastern Illinois University
- Northern Illinois University
- Roosevelt University
- Southern Illinois University
- University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
- Western Illinois University

More Information

For additional transfer resources and to make an appointment with an advisor or counselor, please contact one of our advising offices.

Academic Advising and Counseling	I-117	847-925-6393
Center for Multicultural Learning	A-347	847-925-6522
Career Development Center	A-347	847-925-6220

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