

# 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 2016 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
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#### Communications

ENG 101 English Composition I	3
ENG 102 English Composition II	3
SPE 101 Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3

#### Mathematics

Students should check the curriculum of the transfer schools they are considering. Approved courses are listed with the requirements for the associate degrees. <b>See Group 2 – Mathematics – in the AA Degree</b>	3
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#### Physical & Life Sciences

Select one physical and one life science course. At least one must include a lab. Approved courses are listed with the requirements for the associate degrees. <b>See Group 3 – Physical and Life Sciences - in the AA Degree</b>	7
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#### Humanities & Fine Arts

Select at least one course from humanities and one from fine arts. Interdisciplinary courses may count in either category. Approved courses are listed with the requirements for the associate degrees. <b>See Group 4 - Humanities and Fine Arts - in the AA Degree</b>	9
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For students following the 2005-2006 catalog or later, one course from humanities and fine arts or social and behavioral sciences must meet the world cultures and diversity requirement.

#### Social & Behavioral Sciences

HST 111 or HST 112 and PSC 101 are recommended. Approved courses are listed with the requirements for the associate degrees. <b>See Group 5 - Social &amp; Behavioral Sciences - in the AA Degree</b>	9
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For students following the 2005-2006 catalog or later, one course from humanities and fine arts or social and behavioral sciences must meet the world cultures and diversity requirement.

### Major Discipline and Transfer Electives

EDU 201 Introduction to Education	3
EDU 202 Pre-Student Teaching Clinical Experience	1
EDU 211 Educational Psychology	3
EDU 219 Students with Disabilities in Schools	3
EDU 250 Introduction to Technology in Education	3
ECE 102 Child Development	3

Other elective credit. Students should check with the curriculum of the transfer school they are considering. 7

Approved courses are listed with the requirements for the associate degrees.

**See Group 6 – Major Discipline and Transfer Electives - in the AA 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 a 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

Occupational Outlook Handbook  
The Princeton Review  
American Federation of Teachers  
Teachers Net

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