

Transfer Planning Guide

Western Illinois University Special Education

(Offered at WIU-Macomb)

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TRANSFER FACTS

- ❖ Macomb Campus: Transfer students may be admitted to WIU-Macomb campus with 24 semester hours or with fewer than 24 semester hours as long as students meet the freshmen admission standards, have at least a combined 2.0 GPA for all college work attempted from all institutions attended and are in good standing at the last college/university attended.
- ❖ Students are required to complete 60 semester hours at a four year institution, 40 semester hours of which must be in 300/400 level courses.
- ❖ Students who want a seamless transition are highly encouraged to participate in the [WIU/BHC Dual Admissions](#) program. Students may enroll regardless of number of credits they have completed, and will receive the most benefit the earlier they enroll. Students will receive the most advising benefit from the Dual Admissions Program if they enroll for Dual Admission when they first enroll at BHC.
- ❖ Students are advised to apply for admission to WIU early; to start classes fall term, apply as early as September (recommended deadline is August 1); to start classes spring term, apply as early as August (recommended deadline is December 1). [Online Application](#)
- ❖ Students are advised to request BHC Enrollment Services to verify completion of the [Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Core Curriculum](#) (IAI GECC) if **not** completing the [AA/AS degree](#) at BHC. Students who transfer to WIU-Macomb before the IAI GECC is complete or AA/AS is verified will have the option to complete either 1) the 37 hour IAI GECC plus an additional six hours of any approved IAI or WIU general education courses or 2) the 43 semester hour WIU general education curriculum to include a multicultural course and two human well being courses.
- ❖ All students at BHC are encouraged to see an assigned advisor each term in selecting courses and updating information on their program. Students should be accepted and have a WARD (Western's Audit of Requirements for Degree) report before meeting with a WIU advisor. Prior to receiving WARD report, students should be encouraged to meet with the WIU Admissions contact.
- ❖ The Special Education Certificate is a Learning Behavior Specialist I to teach exceptional children K-age 21. This program is very structured with instructional time

beginning during the freshman year. It is for this reason that a student will increase the time/semester hours to degree if an associate's degree is completed. Completion of the Special Education major will extend beyond 2 years after transfer and may take up to 3 years for degree completion. As part of the entrance requirements to the Teacher Education Program (TEP) in Macomb, students must have a GPA of 2.75 and have completed at least 45 semester hours.

❖ Students are required to successfully complete the IL Basic Skills Test as part of TEP entrance requirements. Students should have successfully completed the Basic Skills Test prior to beginning their junior year at WIU. Students who have not passed the Basic Skills Test before attending WIU will be advised to do so during their first semester at WIU. Program delays will occur for students not in compliance with this requirement by their junior year. The Basic Skills Test fee is \$60.00 and there is an additional charge of \$25.00 for processing each registration. An additional fee of \$30.00 is required for late registration. Test dates and a separate study guide may be accessed at: <http://www.isbe.net/certification> or www.icts.nesinc.com. These materials are also available at BHC Advising Center on the QC Campus, BHC Educational Services on the East Campus and the WIU-QC Campus.

❖ As one of the Teacher Education Program (TEP) entrance requirements completed at Western, students submit an E-portfolio (TaskStream) to include a minimum of 3 entries addressing 3 different standards with reflective statements. Students are given the opportunity to select entries to meet IL teaching standards for their own E-portfolio. Students are encouraged, but not required, to retain coursework (papers, projects, audio or videotape of speeches/presentations, etc) for possible inclusion in their portfolio.

❖ Other requirements completed at Western are: a Technology Competency Assessment and an FBI fingerprint background investigation (there is a charge) which will be completed again prior to student teaching. Complete TEP admission requirements may be found at <http://www.wiu.edu/cpep/tep.html>

❖ Students who transfer the semester after completing an associate degree will be guaranteed the previous academic year's undergraduate rates for tuition, fees, room, and board for four years as long as they are continuously enrolled (excluding summers) at WIU.

❖ Requirements vary between senior institutions. Therefore, students who may change plans for entering WIU should check with the new institution for transfer requirements.

It is in the best interest of most students to select coursework with the following in mind:

❖ Instructional time in the major typically begins in the freshman year and increases through the senior year. The decision whether to transfer after completion of the [IAI GECC](#) or the [AA/AS degree](#) will be determined by the student's interests and educational goals.

❖ Include in the IAI General Education Core Curriculum:

ENG 101, 102 and SPEC 101 with a grade of "C" or better in all three courses.

MATH 100 and 200 with a grade of "C" or better in both courses.

One biological (Life) science and one physical science to total 7 semester hours (one must be a lab.). Select any BHC IAI L1 course and any; BHC IAI P course.

POLS 251 (formerly GOV 251 at BHC), SOC 101 (formerly SOC 100 at BHC) and PSYC 101

HIST 251 or 252 and 6 hours Humanities/Fine Arts - any BHC IAI H, F or HF course

Other courses to complete before transfer to WIU:

PSYC 200 (grade of C) + EDUC 235 (grade of C) - these courses do not need to be taken concurrently

Note: CS 100 is recommended for students who are not proficient with Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

This guide is not intended to be a contract with WIU. The information of this guide is subject to change; students are advised to contact WIU to keep informed of changes. Final responsibility for verifying all transfer information lies with the student. Use this guide in conjunction with the [BHC Catalog](#) the student will use to fulfill degree requirements.

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