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Admission Criteria: Students who enter NIU with between 24-59 transferrable semester hours are expected to have a minimum 2.0 GPA. Students with fewer than 59 hours and a GPA below 2.0 may apply and be admitted on a space available basis. Students transferring with the AA or AS degree or 60 transferable semester hours completed will be admitted with a 2.0 GPA. Some majors require higher GPA's and additional application materials or auditions. All students must be in good standing at the last college or university attended.

Application Deadlines for Transfer Students: Apply as early as one year in advance. Early application is strongly recommended due to space availability. November 1st is the priority filing date for fall admission. The completed application and all supporting documents must be on file in the Office of Admissions by August 1st for fall admission and by December 1st for spring admission. **Individual colleges and departments may also have earlier application deadlines.** Please refer to [Limited Admissions and Limited Retention Requirements](#) for specific dates.

Application Fee: \$40.00 A "Transfer Student Application Fee Waiver Request" is available if criteria is met.

Scholarships: Scholarship deadlines vary but tend to fall between Nov. 15 and March. 1. [Scholarship Applications](#)

- **AA Satisfies Lower Division General Education Requirements.** Students completing the Associate in Arts degree will satisfy NIU's general education requirements.
- **AS Satisfies Lower Division General Education Requirements.** Students completing the Associate in Science degree will satisfy NIU's general education due to NIU's unique PLUS general education requirements. *Consult a BHC advisor prior to pursuing the AS degree.*
- **Concurrent Enrollment:** Students attending NIU and another institution at the same time must get permission for "Concurrent Enrollment".
- **Financial Aid:** Aid is distributed on a "first-come, first-served" basis. FAFSA applications are available October 1.
- **[Foreign Language Requirement:](#)** Candidates for the Bachelor of Arts degree must demonstrate competence in a single foreign language or American Sign Language equivalent to that attained in two years of college instruction. This requirement may be met by: 1) four years of one foreign language with no grade lower than "C" at an accredited high school, or 2) successful completion of a single foreign language equivalent to two years of college instruction (101, 102, 201 and 202), or 3) demonstrating fluency by Credit by Examination, or 4) requesting course credit for the State Seal of Biliteracy within 3 academic years after graduating from high school, or 5) exemption by testing. Students may not test in their native language. However, a student who registered at NIU as an international student with a native language other than English may be exempt.
- **Grades of "D":** NIU will accept completed transfer work with a grade of "D." Be advised that a grade of "C" or better is necessary to meet the requirements for many core competency courses, prerequisite courses, majors, minors and certificates.
- **IAI Participant:** Yes
- **IAI GECC May Include Non-IAI Approved Courses:** Yes
- **IAI General Education Core Curriculum May Be Completed after Transfer:** Yes.
- **Minimum Credits to Apply as a Transfer Student without High School Transcript and ACT/SAT Scores:** 24

- **Maximum Community College Credit Hours accepted in Transfer:** 66 + 4 semester hours of physical education activity.

This guide is provided as a service to BHC students and information is subject to change. Students should work with a BHC advisor and the transfer school to keep informed of changes. Responsibility for complying with all transfer information rests with the student.

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