

Associate in Science (891)

This program prepares students to transfer to four-year institutions to pursue a bachelor's degree in physical education.

Students who have already chosen the university to which they plan to transfer should consult that institution's catalog or department advisor and an SVCC counselor or academic advisor in planning their program. Individualized articulation sheets are available in the counseling office for some transfer universities.

Work and Employment

Physical education graduates pursue careers as teachers, coaches, athletic trainers and fitness trainers. The growing awareness of the benefits of fitness may result in growth in the number of jobs available.

Special Considerations

Physical education majors should confer with counselors/advisors to select their area of specialization. Some students elect to minor in physical education and major in an academic area in demand by schools. A minimum grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) is required for program admission at most universities and passage of The Illinois Test of Basic Skills (reading, writing, grammar and math) test, (information available at www.icts.nesicn.com) is also required.

Program Contacts at Sauk Valley Community College

Counseling Office, 815/835-6354.

» Illinois Teacher Certification

The State Board of Education has adopted a standards-based approach to teaching and learning. All education majors will be required to satisfy the Illinois Professional Teaching Standards and specific content standards. These standards define teacher knowledge and performance expectations. Prospective teachers will be required to complete certification assessments based on the standards and indicators. Students are encouraged to maintain a portfolio of course projects/papers while at SVCC. For more information: www.isbe.net. The state of Illinois provides teacher certification in two categories, grades K-12 and grades 6-12. Physical education majors seeking grades 6-12 certification are encouraged to acquire a major in a second field.

Criminal History Check Policy

Illinois law requires Illinois school boards to conduct a criminal background investigation on applicants for employment. This law also prohibits the employment of a person who has been convicted of committing or attempting to commit any one or more of a number of offenses. At present, offenses include first degree murder; any Class X felony; juvenile pimping; soliciting for a juvenile prostitute; exploitation of a child; obscenity; child pornography; harmful material; criminal sexual assault; aggravated criminal sexual assault; offenses set forth in the Cannabis Control Act; and crimes defined in the Illinois Controlled Substance Act. Employment must be denied whether the offenses and/or conviction occurred inside or outside the state of Illinois.

All students entering the initial observation course must first submit to a criminal background check (CBC). You will be notified by the College of the fees, date, time and location of the finger printing process. In addition, students listed on the Illinois Sex Offenders Registry, Illinois Violent Offender Against Youth Registry and the National Sex Offenders Registry will be denied entrance into these programs.

If any of the above returns with an incident "hit", you will be notified and need to see a designated counselor who will review your results and review how it might affect your ability to participate in these programs. An adverse decision may be appealed through the institutional academic appeal process.

Suggested Program

First Semester - Sem/Hrs: 17

- *Math 3 Semester hour(s)

- BIO 120 - Environmental Health 3 Semester hour(s)
- CHE 103 - Introduction to Chemistry 4 Semester hour(s)
- ENG 101 - Composition I 3 Semester hour(s)
- FYE 101 - First Year Experience 1 Semester hour(s)
- PSY 103 - Introduction to Psychology 3 Semester hour(s)

Second Semester - Sem/Hrs: 17

- Fine Arts 3 Semester hour(s)
- BIO 105 - Principles of Biology 5 Semester hour(s)
- ENG 103 - Composition II 3 Semester hour(s)
- GOV 163 - American Politics and Government 3 Semester hour(s)
- PED 214 - Introduction to Physical Education 3 Semester hour(s)

Third Semester - Sem/Hrs: 15

- Humanities 3 Semester hour(s)
- **PED Activity 2 Semester hour(s)
- BIO 109 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I 4 Semester hour(s)
- HIS 221 - American History to 1865 3 Semester hour(s)
- or
- HIS 222 - American History Since 1865 3 Semester hour(s)
- SPE 131 - Introduction to Oral Communication 3 Semester hour(s)

Fourth Semester - Sem/Hrs: 16

- ***Non-Western Culture course 3 Semester hour(s)
- Humanities/Fine Arts 3 Semester hour(s)
- BIO 110 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II 4 Semester hour(s)
- PSY 200 - Human Growth and Development 3 Semester hour(s)
- or
- EDU 275 - Educational Psychology 3 Semester hour(s)
- EDU 276 - Clinical Experience in Elementary Education 1 Semester hour(s)
- or
- EDU 277 - Clinical Experience in Secondary Education 1 Semester hour(s)
- PED 213 - First Aid 2 Semester hour(s)

Total Credits: 65

Footnotes

*Transfer institution will determine most appropriate mathematics course(s).

**A maximum of 66 hours plus 4 hours of activity classes can be transferred to most four-year schools.

***Non-Western Culture courses include: GEO 122, GOV 261, HIS 235, 245, 255, 265, PHL 104, SOC 115, 116.

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