

## Associate in Science (885)

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To teach in an Illinois public high school (grades 9-12) teachers must be licensed by the state of Illinois. To transfer into an approved baccalaureate program in Secondary Education as a junior, students must complete 60 semester credits. Community college students are strongly encouraged to complete an Associate degree prior to transfer. (64 semester credit hours required). Since admission is competitive, completion of these courses alone does not guarantee admission. A minimum grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) and passage of the Illinois Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP) or ACT plus Writing score test are also required for program admission. Effective Fall of 2016, the associate in science (A.S.) degree is designed to complete the lower-division (freshman and sophomore) portion of a bachelor of science degree in STEM related majors. As a result, A.S. degree does not include the entire General Education Core Curriculum. **Therefore, students will need to complete MORE general education courses after transfer by completing the GECC curriculum while enrolled at the participating Illinois transfer institution OR fulfilling the general education requirements of their selected non-participating transfer institution.**

**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 academic advisor in planning their program.**

## Criminal History Check Policy

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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 meet with SVCC faculty/staff who will review your results and discuss how it might affect your ability to participate in these programs. An adverse decision may be appealed through the institutional academic appeal process.

### Program Contacts at Sauk Valley Community College

Academic Advising, 815/835-6354;

Janis Jones, Assistant Professor of Education, 815/835-6410

Suggested Program

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First Semester - Sem/Hrs: 17

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- \*\*Math 3 Semester hour(s)
- \*\*\*Major Electives 3 Semester hour(s)
  
- EDU 101 - Introduction to Education 3 Semester hour(s)
- EDU 105 - Preparing for Careers in Education 1 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: 16-18

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- Additional Mathematics 3-4 Semester hour(s)
- Personal Development 1 Semester hour
- Life Science 3-4 Semester hour(s)
- EDU 102 - Computer Education for Teachers 3 Semester hour(s)
- ENG 103 - Composition II 3 Semester hour(s)
- PSY 200 - Human Growth and Development 3 Semester hour(s)
- OR
- PSY 214 - Child Developmental Psychology 3 Semester hour(s)

Third Semester - Sem/Hrs: 16-17

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- Fine Arts 3 Semester hour(s)
  - Personal Development 1 Semester hour
  - \*Physical Science 3-4 Semester hour(s)
  - EDU 220 - Students with Disabilities in School 3 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: 14-16

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- Additional Science 3-5 Semester hour(s)
  - \*\*\*Major Electives 4 Semester hour(s)
  - Humanities 3 Semester hour(s)
  - EDU 275 - Educational Psychology 3 Semester hour(s)
  - EDU 277 - Clinical Experience in Secondary Education 1 Semester hour(s)

Total Credits: 64

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#### Footnotes

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- \*One lab science required.
- \*\*Teaching major will determine the most appropriate mathematics course(s).
- \*\*\*Student's major (intended area of teaching) will guide the selection of major elective course work.

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