

Associate in Arts (691)

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

The kinesiology major is a broad-based degree that prepares individuals to work in a variety of health, wellness and sport performance settings. The undergraduate curriculum can also prepare students for graduate school in exercise physiology, physical therapy, sport and exercise psychology, and sport management.

To teach physical education in Illinois public schools (grades K-12), teachers must be licensed by the State of Illinois. Community college students are strongly encouraged to complete an Associate in Arts degree prior to transfer. Since admission is competitive, completion of the recommended course does not guarantee admission. A minimum grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale), dependent on the transfer school requirements, and the passage of the Illinois Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP) or equivalent ACT plus Writing or SAT score are required for program admission.

Information regarding Illinois standards for Professional Educator License is available on the Illinois State Board of Education Website at www.isbe.net.

General education and major field requirements vary significantly by intended 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. Individualized articulation sheets for some universities are available in Academic Advising.

Program Contacts at Sauk Valley Community College

Academic Advising, 815/835-6354.

Criminal History Check Policy

Illinois law requires Illinois school boards to conduct a criminal background investigation on applicants for employment in education. 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.

Students who perform classroom observations through coursework at Sauk Valley Community College may be required by the selected school/site to undergo a criminal background check prior to placement. Students may be denied at any observation site based on the results of that check.

Students who feel their criminal background may exclude them from observation or employment should seek counseling with SVCC faculty or advising staff early in their program to determine how it may affect their participation and eligibility.

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)
- PSC 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)
- COM 131 - Introduction to Oral Communication 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)

Fourth Semester - Sem/Hrs: 16

- Major Field/Electives 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 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)
- EDU 210 - Diversity in Education 3 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.

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