

To teach in Illinois public schools (grades 1-6), 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, is 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](http://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. Transfer guides for some universities are available at [svcc.edu/transfer](http://svcc.edu/transfer).**

**IMPORTANT NOTE ON GENERAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS:** The courses recommended in the suggested program are beyond the minimum requirements necessary for completion of general education courses for an Associates of Arts degree. The general education recommendations listed below are for a student's full licensure requirements. Some of these additional courses may be completed after a student transfers, even with an Associates of Arts degree. Licensure information is based on the Illinois State Board of Education's administrative rules for teacher education preparation.

### **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.

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.

### **Program Contacts at Sauk Valley Community College**

Academic Advising, 815/835-6354

Amanda Eichman, Professor of English and Education, 815/835-6319

## **Total Hours Required - 64-66 Hours**

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### **Suggested Program**

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#### **First Semester - 18 Hours**

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- ART 119 - Art Appreciation (3 Semester Hours)
- OR**
- MUS 201 - Music Appreciation (3 Semester Hours)
- EDU 102 - Computer Education for Teacher (3 Semester Hours)
- EDU 105 - Preparing for Careers in Educa (2 Semester Hours)
- ENG 101 - Composition I (3 Semester Hours)
- FYE 101 - First Year Experience (1 Semester Hours)
- GEO 122 - Human Geography (3 Semester Hours)
- MAT 110 - Math for Elementary Teachers I (3 Semester Hours)

## Second Semester - 15-16 Hours

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- Humanities/Fine Arts 3 Semester hour(s)
- Earth Science (GSC) 3-4 Semester hour(s)
- EDU 220 - Educ of the Exceptional Child (3 Semester Hours)
- ENG 103 - Composition II (3 Semester Hours)
- MAT 111 - Math for Elementary Teacher II (3 Semester Hours)

## Third Semester - 16-17 Hours

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- Physical Science 4 Semester hour(s)
- EDU 210 - Diversity in Education (3 Semester Hours)

**OR**

\*ELECTIVES 3 SEMESTER HOUR(S)

- HIS 221 - American History to 1865 (3 Semester Hours)

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HIS 222 - American History Since 1865 (3 Semester Hours)

- MAT 121 - College Algebra (4 Semester Hours)

**OR**

MAT 240 - Elementary Statistics (3 Semester Hours)

- PSC 163 - Am Government & Politics (3 Semester Hours)

## Fourth Semester - 15 Hours

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- Life Science 4 Semester hour(s)
- Humanities 3 Semester hour(s)
- Personal Development 1 Semester hour
- COM 131 - Intro to Oral Communication (3 Semester Hours)
- ECO 211 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3 Semester Hours)

**OR**

ECO 212 - Principles of Microeconomics (3 Semester Hours)

- EDU 276 - Clinical Exper in Education (1 Semester Hours)

## Footnotes

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- \*Suggested electives include: EDU 176, 221, 224, 275, PED 220, PSY 103