

To teach in Illinois public schools (grades 9-12), teachers must be licensed by the state of Illinois. Students in secondary education major in the academic discipline they intend to teach. Community college students are strongly encouraged to complete an Associate in Arts (A.A.) or Associate in Science (A.S.) 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.

Students planning to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree or a degree from a college of arts and science should be alerted to the probable need to complete a foreign language requirement before transfer.

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 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

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 - 63-64 Hours

Suggested Program

First Semester - 18 Hours

- **Math 3 Semester hour(s)
- ***Major Electives 3 Semester hours(s)
- EDU 102 - Computer Education for Teacher (3 Semester Hours)
- EDU 105 - Prep for Careers in Education (2 Semester Hours)
- ENG 101 - Composition I (3 Semester Hours)
- FYE 101 - First Year Experience (1 Semester Hours)
- PSY 103 - Introduction to Psychology (3 Semester Hours)

Second Semester - 16 Hours

- Fine Arts 3 Semester hour(s)
- Personal Development 1 Semester hour

- ***Major Electives 3 Semester hour(s)
- COM 131 - Intro to Oral Communication (3 Semester Hours)
- ENG 103 - Composition II (3 Semester Hours)
- PSY 200 - Human Growth & Development (3 Semester Hours)

OR

PSY 214 - Child Developmental Psychology (3 Semester Hours)

Third Semester - 15-16 Hours

- Fine Arts/Humanities 3 Semester hour(s)
- Humanities 3 Semester hour(s)
- *Physical Science 3-4 Semester hour(s)
- Social/Behavioral Science 3 Semester hour(s)
- EDU 220 - Educ of the Exceptional Child (3 Semester Hours)

Fourth Semester - 13-14 Hours

- *Life Science 3-4 Semester hour(s)
- Social & Behavioral Science 3 Semester hour(s)
- ***Major Electives 4 Semester hour(s)
- ****EDU elective 3 Semester hour(s)

Footnotes

- *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.
- ****Suggested electives include EDU 176, 210, 224, 275.