

## Academic Programs

### Associate in Arts Degree with a Concentration in Education, Elementary ( 680)

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The elementary education concentration will prepare students to transfer to a four-year institution to earn a bachelor's degree in elementary education and teacher licensure (Grades 1-6) in the state of Illinois.

#### Transfer Considerations

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**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).**

1. **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 Associate 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 Associate of Arts degree. Licensure information is based on the Illinois State Board of Education's administrative rules for teacher education preparation.

#### Competitive Admissions

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**Since admission is competitive, completing the recommended courses does not by itself guarantee admission.**

1. A minimum grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale), dependent on the transfer school requirements, is required for program admission.
2. Students will also need to achieve a C or better grade in all general education coursework.

#### Special Considerations

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1. To teach in Illinois public schools (grades 1-6), teachers must be licensed by the state of Illinois. Information regarding Illinois standards for Professional Educator License is available on the Illinois State Board of Education Website at [isbe.net](http://isbe.net).
2. **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

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- Academic Advising, 815/835-6354
- Amanda Eichman, Professor of Education and English, 815/835-6319

## Minimum Total Credit Hours - 64-66 Hours

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### Suggested Program

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#### First Semester - 18 Hours

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- ART119 - Art Appreciation ( 3 Semester Hours)

**OR**

- MUS201 - Music Appreciation ( 3 Semester Hours)
- EDU102 - Computer Education for Teacher ( 3 Semester Hours)
- EDU105 - Prep for Careers in Education ( 2 Semester Hours)
- ENG101 - Composition I ( 3 Semester Hours)
- FYE101 - First Year Experience ( 1 Semester Hours)
- GEO122 - Human Geography ( 3 Semester Hours)
- MAT110 - 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)
- EDU220 - Educ of the Exceptional Child ( 3 Semester Hours)
- ENG103 - Composition II ( 3 Semester Hours)
- MAT111 - Math for Elementary Teacher II ( 3 Semester Hours)

#### Third Semester - 16-17 Hours

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- Physical Science 4 Semester hour(s)
- EDU210 - Diversity in Education ( 3 Semester Hours)

**OR**

\*ELECTIVES 3 SEMESTER HOUR(S)

- HIS221 - American History to 1865 ( 3 Semester Hours)

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HIS222 - American History Since 1865 ( 3 Semester Hours)

- MAT121 - College Algebra ( 4 Semester Hours)

**OR**

MAT240 - Elementary Statistics ( 3 Semester Hours)

- PSC163 - 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
- COM131 - Intro to Oral Communication ( 3 Semester Hours)
- ECO211 - Principles of Macroeconomics ( 3 Semester Hours)

**OR**

ECO212 - Principles of Microeconomics ( 3 Semester Hours)

- EDU276 - Clinical Exper in Education ( 1 Semester Hours)

## Footnotes

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