

## Academic Programs

### Associate in Science Degree with a Concentration in Education, Middle Level ( 882)

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The middle level education concentration will prepare students to transfer to a four-year institution to earn a bachelor's degree in middle level education and teacher licensure (Grades 6-9) in the state of Illinois. Students in middle level education complete a core of required methods courses, and then complete discipline-specific courses to be licensed in one or more content areas. Content areas include English Language Arts, Social Sciences, Mathematics, and Science.

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, the A.S. degree does not include the entire General Education Core Curriculum (GECC). **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.**

#### 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).**

#### 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 middle schools (grades 6-9), 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 Hours**

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### **Suggested Program**

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#### **First Semester - 16-18 Hours**

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- \*\*Physical Science 3-5 Semester hour(s)
  - Social/Behavioral Science 3 Semester hour(s)
  - EDU105 - Prep for Careers in Education ( 2 Semester Hours)
  - ENG101 - Composition I ( 3 Semester Hours)
  - FYE101 - First Year Experience ( 1 Semester Hours)
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- MAT203 - Calculus & Analytic Geometry I ( 4 Semester Hours)
- OR**
- MAT221 - Calc for Bus & Soc Science ( 4 Semester Hours)

#### **Second Semester - 14-17 Hours**

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- \*\*Additional Science OR Mathematics 4-5 Semester hour(s)
- Fine Arts 3 Semester hour(s)
- \*\*Life Science 3-5 Semester hour(s)
- Personal Development 1 Semester hour
- ENG103 - Composition II ( 3 Semester Hours)

#### **Third Semester - 16-17 Hours**

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- \*\*Additional Science or Mathematics 4-5 Semester hour(s)
- Fine Arts 3 Semester hour(s)
- Social/Behavioral Science 3 Semester hour(s)
- COM131 - Intro to Oral Communication ( 3 Semester Hours)
- EDU220 - Educ of the Exceptional Child ( 3 Semester Hours)

#### **Fourth Semester - 15-18 Hours**

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- \*\*\*\*EDU elective 3 Semester hour(s)
- Humanities 3 Semester hours(s)
- \*\*\*Content Area Electives or additional requirements 8-11 Semester hour(s)
- EDU276 - Clinical Exper in Education ( 1 Semester Hours)

#### **Footnotes**

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- \* Teaching content area will determine the most appropriate mathematics course(s). Mathematics content area should select MAT 203.
- \*\*Science content area should select CHE 105, CHE 106, BIO 105 plus PHY 201, PHY 202 as schedule allows. Some institutions require BIO 123 Intro to Botany and BIO 131 Zoology, in addition to BIO 105. Mathematics content area should select from MAT 204, 205, 220.
- \*\*\*Student's content area and transfer school will guide the selection of content area/elective course work.
- \*\*\*\* Suggested Education electives include EDU 176, 210, 224, 275.