EDUCATION: ELEMENTARY EDUCATION MAJORS:
(Suggested Associate in Arts Degree Curriculum)

This worksheet is designed to help students select courses which are likely to apply to a major in ELEMENTARY EDUCATION. These suggested courses satisfy requirements in the Associate in Arts degree program at Prairie State College and provide the basis for transferring to a four-year institution. This program meets the guidelines of the IAI (Illinois Articulation Initiative) General Education Core. Students should obtain a copy of the Prairie State College Associate in Arts Degree Worksheet and should visit the IAI website at www.iTransfer.org for more information.

STATE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS IN TEACHER EDUCATION:
To teach in Illinois public schools, teachers must be certified by the State of Illinois. To transfer into a baccalaureate program in education as a junior, students must complete 60-64 credits. Admission to university teacher preparation programs is competitive; completion of the recommended courses does not guarantee acceptance into a program. Students must pass either the Test of Academic Proficiency, have a composite ACT plus Writing score of 22, or an SAT score of 1030 in order to gain admission into a college of education. Information on the Test of Academic Proficiency can be found at www.il.nesinc.com. The test includes reading, writing, grammar, and math. Most schools require a criminal background check prior to enrolling in field experience courses. Students should consult an academic advisor at the community college and senior university early and often.

PROFESSIONAL TEACHING CERTIFICATES IN ILLINOIS:
- Early Childhood - Valid for teaching children birth to grade three.
- Elementary - Valid for teaching children kindergarten through grade nine.
- Secondary - Valid for teaching children from grade six through grade twelve.
- Special - Valid for teaching children in the subject specified from kindergarten through grade twelve.
- Special/Special Education - Valid for teaching children with disabilities from pre-school to age 21.

SUGGESTED CURRICULUM
Each senior institution has its own transfer policies. Therefore, we cannot guarantee the accuracy of this information in regard to every individual school. Consult the school of your choice and/or the PSC Advising Center to discuss the transferability of courses.

TRANSFERABLE GENERAL EDUCATION CORE (42-43 credits)
Area A: Communications (9 credits)
ENG 101 (3) [C1 900]* Composition I (Prereq. ENG 099, C or better, or qualifying score on ENG Placement Test)
ENG 102 (3) [C1 901R]* Composition II (Prereq. ENG 101 with C or better)
COMM 101 (3) [C2 900] Principles of Communication (3) (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

*Must have “C” or better in ENG 101 & 102 to receive credit for the degree.

Area B: Humanities and Fine Arts (9 credits)
Select three courses with at least one course selected from the humanities area and one course from the fine arts area. Refer to the Associate in Arts Degree Worksheet, Area B, for a listing of approved course choices.

Humanities Course (3)*
Fine Arts Course (3)*
ENG_____ (3)*

Select any Area B Humanities Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
Select any Area B Fine Arts Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
Select any literature course except ENG 220 (Prereq. ENG 101, Cor better)

*ART 131, ENG 243, HUMAN 101 or PHILO 205 recommended to meet the non-Western Cultures requirement at some senior institutions

Area C: Mathematics (8 credits)
MATH 200 (4) Math for Elementary Teaching I (Prereq. MATH 095 & 096 with C or better OR MATH 095 and HS geometry, both with C or better OR qualifying score on Math Placement Test)
MATH 206 (4) [M1 903] Math for Elementary Teaching II (Prereq. MATH 200 with C or better)

Area D: Physical and Life Sciences (7-8 credits)
Select one life science course and one physical science course. One course must have a lab component. Refer to the Associate in Arts Degree Worksheet, Area D, for a listing of approved course choices.

Life Science Course (4) (Four credit lab science recommended for Illinois teacher certification)
Physical Science Course (4) (Four credit lab science recommended for Illinois teacher certification)
Area E: Social and Behavioral Sciences (9 credits)
HIST 201 (3) [S2 900] or HIST 202 [S2 901] U.S. History (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
POLS 140 (3) [S5 900] Intro to U.S. Government & Politics (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
PSYCH 101 (3) [S6 900] Introduction to Psychology (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

TEACHER EDUCATION MAJOR COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS (19-20 credits)
(Check with the school to which you plan to transfer to verify transferability of these courses for this major)*
Select 19-20 credits from the “suggested” courses recommendations listed below:

Suggested Professional Education Core courses include:
ED 100 (3) Foundations of American Public Education (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
ED 101* (3) Child Growth & Development* (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
ED 212 (3) Exceptional Child (Prereq. ED 101)

Other suggested education electives often include:
ECED 103 (3) Health, Safety and Nutrition
OR HLTH 101 (2) Health and Wellness
PSYCH 202 (3) Educational Psychology (Prereq. PSYCH 101)

Additional Science course (4)
One academic discipline course, in the subject area in which you plan to seek endorsement, selected in consultation with an advisor. Acceptable disciplines are: general science, health, language arts, mathematics, physical education, physical science, social science, speech and theatre.

Note: If not already selected in Area B or E, select at least one course designated by IAI as non-Western (n) or Diversity (D) from either Social and Behavioral Sciences or Humanities and Fine Arts. Any of the these courses will fulfill this requirement: ANTHR 215, 222; ART 131; ENG 215, 243; GEOG 101; HIST 111,112, 115, 116, 140; HUMAN 101; PHILO 205; SOCIO 215, 220.

Other suggested elective courses which satisfy the PSC AA/AS degree requirements may include transfer courses of 100 level or above (see the 2014-16 catalog, pages 49-51 for the list of approved transfer courses):
Additional courses recommended as transferable by the university to which you plan to transfer.
Up to four credits of physical education courses
Foreign language courses (Some universities have a foreign language requirement. Generally, four years of a single foreign language in high school, or four semesters in college, will fulfill this requirement. It is recommended that students complete the entire sequence at one institution.)
For the AA or AS degree, student may use one vocational/technical course (four credits or less) that is not on the approved list if they present documentation (recent written correspondence or transfer/advising guide) that the receiving institution will accept the course for credit. If a student plans to use more than one such course, he/she must obtain approval from the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

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FOR TEACHER CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:
Illinois Board of Education: www.isbe.state.il.us
Approved Teacher Certification Programs in Illinois: www.isbe.net/profprep/PDFs/Directory.pdf
Certification information for new teachers in Illinois: www.isbe.net/certification/html/becoming_teacher.htm
Illinois Certification Testing System (Basic Skills Test): www.icts.nesinc.com

FOR TRANSFER INFORMATION:
MyCreditsTransfer, formerly known as u.select: http://www.transferology.com/state/il?all
Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI): www.iTransfer.org
Links to Articulation Tables for Illinois Colleges: http://www.iTransfer.org/IAI/Other/Articulationlinks.taf
Visit the web sites of colleges and universities to which you plan to transfer.

FOR CAREER INFORMATION: