MUSIC 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 MUSIC 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 for 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.

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS IN MUSIC EDUCATION
To teach music in the Illinois public schools, teachers must be certified by the State of Illinois. To transfer into an approved baccalaureate program in music education as a junior, students must complete a minimum of 60 semester credits. A broad background in music theory, literature, keyboarding skills, aural skills, ensemble performance and applied music instruction is offered at the community college level to provide a foundation for advanced study in music at a senior institution. Since admission to music education is competitive, completion of the courses recommended below does not guarantee admission. Students may need to demonstrate their skill level through auditions and/or placement testing at the senior institution. Students should be aware that a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale is usually required for program admission. 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.

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 Prairie State College Counseling and Advising Center to discuss the transferability of courses.

TRANSFERABLE GENERAL EDUCATION CORE (38 credits)
Area A: Communications (9 credits)

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<td>ENG 101</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>(C1 900)* Composition (Prereq. ENG 099, C or better, or qualifying scored on English Placement Test)</td>
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<td>ENG 102</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>(C1 901R)* Composition II (Prereq. ENG 101, C or better)</td>
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<td>COMM 101</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>(C2 900) Principles of Communication (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)</td>
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*Must have a "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.

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<tr>
<td>Humanities Course</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Select any Area B Humanities Course (Prereq. ENG 099 or above)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fine Arts Course</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Select any Area B Fine Arts Course (Prereq. ENG 099 or above)</td>
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<td>ENG _____</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Select any literature course, except ENG 220. (Prereq. ENG 101, C or better)</td>
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*ART 131, ENG 243, HUMAN 101 or PHILO 205 recommended to meet the Non-Western cultures requirement at some senior institutions.

Area C: Mathematics (3 credits)
Select one math course. Refer to the Associate in Arts Degree Worksheet, Area C, for a listing of approved course choices.

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<td>Math Course</td>
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<td>Select any Area C Math Course</td>
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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.

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<tr>
<td>Life Science Course</td>
<td>3-4</td>
<td>(Four credit lab science recommended for Illinois teacher certification)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Physical Science Course</td>
<td>3-4</td>
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Area E: Social and Behavioral Sciences (9 credits)
Select three courses in at least two different disciplines. Refer to the Associate in Arts Degree Worksheet, Area E, for a listing of approved course choices.

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<td>HIST 201</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>or HIST 202 (3) [S2 901] U.S. History (Prereq. ENG 099 or above)</td>
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<tr>
<td>POLSC 140</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Introduction to U.S. Government and Politics (Prereq. ENG 099 or above)</td>
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<td>PSYCH 101</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Introduction to Psychology (Prereq. ENG 099 or above)</td>
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MUSIC EDUCATION MAJOR COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS (minimum of 24 credits)

(Complete with the school to which you plan to transfer to verify transferability of these courses for your major)

Select 24 credits from the “suggested” course recommendations listed below:

Suggested IAI Music Education Core courses include:

Take one musicianship course each term for a total of 16 credits.

- MUSIC 101 (4) Musicianship I (Prereq. MUSIC 100)
- MUSIC 102 (4) Musicianship II (Prereq. MUSIC 101)
- MUSIC 201 (4) Musicianship III (Prereq. MUSIC 102)
- MUSIC 202 (4) Musicianship IV (Prereq. MUSIC 201)

Select from Ensemble Groups I-IV: Take one each term for a total of 4 credits.

- MUSIC 110 (1) Concert Choir (may be repeated 3 additional times for credit)
- MUSIC 120 (1) Wind Ensemble (may be repeated 3 additional times for credit)
- MUSIC 152 (1) Jazz Ensemble I (Prereq. None)
- MUSIC 153 (1) Jazz Ensemble II (Prereq. MUSIC 152)
- MUSIC 162 (1) Vocal Jazz Ensemble I (Prereq. None)
- MUSIC 163 (1) Vocal Jazz Ensemble II (Prereq. MUSIC 162)

Select from Applied Music Instruction I-IV (Private Music Lessons): Take one each term for a total of 8 credits.

- MUSIC 191 (2) Private Applied Music I (may be repeated 3 additional times)
- MUSIC 192 (2) Private Applied Music II (Prereq. MUSIC 191) (may be repeated 3 additional times)
- MUSIC 291 (2) Private Applied Music III (Prereq. MUSIC 192) (may be repeated 3 additional times)
- MUSIC 292 (2) Private Applied Music IV (Prereq. MUSIC 291) (may be repeated 3 additional times)

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.

62 CREDITS REQUIRED FOR AN ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

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FOR MUSIC TEACHER CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:
Illinois State 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: