



Transfer Planning Guide

Western Illinois University Early Childhood Education, B.S.Ed. (Licensure birth to 2nd grade)

Degree available at Macomb campus, and
starting summer 2022 at QC campus.

Effective Fall 2021

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Program/licensure requirements for this major are subject to change without notice. Any new State of Illinois mandated obligations would supersede program requirements identified in this guide.

- As part of the entrance requirements to the Teacher Education Program (TEP) a minimum GPA of 2.75 is required with at least 45 semester hours completed. All grades on the transfer transcript will count in the calculation of the 2.75 GPA to determine eligibility into the major and to enroll in upper-division courses and field experience.
- In accordance with the Illinois State Board of Education licensure rules, all candidates seeking a Professional Education License or endorsement are required by Western Illinois University to obtain a grade of "C" or better in all directed general education courses, all core courses, and all courses in the Early Childhood Education option. This rule does not supersede course prerequisite requirements in the catalog that specify a letter grade.
- Admission to Western Illinois University does not automatically constitute acceptance to the Teacher Education Program. Candidates for baccalaureate degrees who plan to complete licensure requirements for teaching must make special application for admission to the Teacher Education Program. Application and requirements for full acceptance are available in the online Teacher Education Program Handbook at wiu.edu/teacher.
- Starting fall 2020, WIU offers a non-licensure option** for students interested in pursuing Early Childhood Education as an area of study but who are not seeking licensure for teaching in public schools. Instead of student teaching in the final semester, students will have a required internship in an approved educational setting.

SUGGESTED COURSES - for students wishing to earn an Associate in Arts (AA) degree at BHC and fulfill basic requirements for the WIU Teacher Education Program.

1st Year, Fall Semester

Notes	BHC Courses	SH	WIU Equivalent
	ENG 101	3	ENG 180
	ECE 100 Intro to Early Childhood	3	ECH 271
	ECE 200 Growth & Devel of Young Child	3	ECH 273
2, 6	MATH 112 (if needed; see note)	4	MATH 128
	Semester Hours	13	

1st Year, Spring Semester

Notes	BHC Courses	SH	WIU Equivalent
	ENG 102	3	ENG 280
1	IAI Life Science	3 -4	Natural Science Elective
	ECE 202 Observ/Assessmt Y.C.	3	ECH 277
2	MATH 210	4	MATH 260
3, 4	IAI Humanities	3	Humanities Elective
	Semester Hours	16-17	

2nd Year, Fall Semester

Notes	BHC Courses	SH	WIU Equivalent
3,4	IAI Humanities or IAI Fine Arts	3	Humanities or Fine Arts Elective
5	MATH 108	3	STAT 171
1	IAI Physical Science. CHEM 110, CHEM 101, PS 101, ASTR 101 or ASTR 102 recommended	3-4	Natural Science Elective. ASTR's meet the major's Earth/space requirement.
	HIST 105 or HIST 106	3	HIST 105 or 106
	EDUC 202 (fall only)	3	EDS 202
	Semester Hours	15-16	

2nd Year, Spring Semester

Notes	BHC Courses	SH	WIU Equivalent
	SPEC 101	3	COMM 241
	POLS 122	3	POLS 122
	ECE 222 Child, Family & Community	3	ECH 276
	ECON 221 or ECON 222	3	ECON 231 or 232
	ART 100, MUSC 154, MUSC 256 or THEA 111	3	ART 180, MUS 190, MUS 195 or THEA 110
	Semester Hours	15	
	TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS	60 min.	

Minimum Semester Hours Required for the AA degree – 60 (see Note 6)

Minimum Semester Hours Required for the B.S.Ed. degree in Early Childhood Education – 122. Students must take at least 60 credits at WIU or another accredited four-year institution (30 of which must be through WIU).

NOTES:

If students transfer before the Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Core Curriculum or AA degree is complete, there may be additional hours in general education to total 43 semester hours at WIU. Completing the AA before transfer is advisable.

- The AA degree requires 7 semester hours of general education science by taking one course in life science and one in physical science; one of the courses must have a lab. BHC lab courses are 4 credits or greater.
 - Life Science: Any IAI L1 course. NSCI courses are not accepted toward the major.
 - Physical Science: Any IAI P course. CHEM, PHYS, PS or ASTR course recommended. NSCI courses are not accepted toward the major.

The Early Childhood Education major requires an additional 3 semester hours of science that can be taken before or after transfer.

Within the 10 total credits of science for the major, 3 credits must meet an Earth/space requirement (at BHC select an ASTR course; at WIU see advisor for course options).

- The prerequisite for MATH 210 is MATH 112 or appropriate placement score.
- Humanities: Any BHC IAI H or HF course. Fine Arts: Any BHC IAI F or HF course.
- Select one non-western studies course to meet AA graduation requirements. Course options:
Meets the AA humanities requirement: ENG 217, ENG 218, ENG 219 or HIST 222; or HUM 102 starting fall 2021.
Meets the AA fine arts requirement: ART 285, ART 286, MUSC 158
- MATH 108 meets the Mathematics general education requirement for the AA degree.
- The Early Childhood Education major has a very prescribed curriculum so students should not take random electives. If additional courses are needed to complete the 60 credit AA degree, see a BHC advisor for recommendations. *ENG 100 and/or REA 103 (taken only if required by assessment) are electives in the AA and transfer to WIU as electives.*

This guide is not intended to be a contract with WIU. The information of this guide is subject to change; students are advised to contact WIU to keep informed of changes. Final responsibility for verifying all transfer information lies with the student. Use this guide in conjunction with the BHC catalog the student will use to fulfill degree requirements.

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