



College of Education

The University of Iowa programs listed below prepare you for your initial teacher licensure as an undergraduate or a post-baccalaureate student.

- Art Education
- Elementary Education
- English Education
- Foreign Language Education
- Mathematics Education
- Music Education
- Science Education
- Social Studies Education

Southwestern Community College Transfer Guide

Students should begin completing requirements for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Core and consider transferring to the University of Iowa during their sophomore year. Some factors that may increase time to graduation include courses previously completed, courses available at the transfer institution, and course requirements for a student’s particular program of interest. Reverse credit transfers to a student’s transfer institution in order to receive an Associate of Arts (AA) degree is strongly encouraged. Students should further consider taking a visit to campus as well as consulting with the University of Iowa’s Office of Admissions to gain further information about requirements and program.

All prospective Education majors should complete the following coursework:

University of Iowa Course Number and Title	Southwestern Course Number and Title
EPLS:3000 Foundations of Education	EDU 210 Foundations of Education
EDTL:4900 Foundations of Special Education	EDU 245 Exceptional Learner
PSQF:1075 Educational Psychology	PSY 281 Educational Psychology

All students applying to initial teacher preparation programs must first apply and be admitted to the University of Iowa before being admitted into the Teacher Education Program (TEP). Although the previously listed coursework is not required for admission, it is strongly encouraged. Admission to the Teacher Education Program is competitive. Meeting the minimum criteria does not ensure program admission. Selection is determined by academic achievement as reflected in grade point averages and test scores, aptitude as reflected by recommendations and personal statements, and the ability of the given program area to provide quality instruction and clinical and field experiences. Admission to the University of Iowa TEP further requires documented completion of at least 10 hours of pre-admission field experience, and completion of a supplemental application.

Elementary Education majors should further complete the following coursework:

University of Iowa Course Number and Title	Southwestern Course Number and Title
MATH:1120 Logic of Arithmetic	MAT 117 Math for Elementary Teachers
STAT:1010 Statistics and Society OR STAT:1020 Elementary Statistics	MAT 156 Statistics
EDTL:3123 Reading and Responding to Children’s Literature	LIT 105 Children’s Literature

Recommended six hours of science from two different content areas to fulfill licensure requirement.

Nine semester hours of Social Science content is required from two different departments that include ANTH, ECON, GEOG, HIST, POLI, PSY, and SOC. American History (HIST 151 or 152), and/or POL 111 American National Government are strongly recommended.



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The following programs have additional area admission requirements:

- Art Education (K-8 and 5-12): Completion of 12 semester hours of art and art-history courses with a minimum GPA of 3.00
- Elementary Education (K-6): At least one recommendation from a college/university instructor
- Foreign Language (5-12): Completion of 12 semester hours of course in language of program
- Mathematics Education (5-12): Completion of Calculus I and II with a minimum GPA of 2.50
- Music Education (K-8 and 5-12): Admission to the School of Music;
Completion of 12 semester hours of music courses with a minimum GPA of 3.00 in music courses
- English Education (5-12): At least one recommendation from an English professor, preferably from the University of Iowa
Completion of or in the process of completing the following courses:
 - English Majors
 - ENGL:2010:Foundations of the English Major
 - ENGL:201*: Reading and Writing About ... (Novel, Short Stories, Drama, Essay, Poetry)
 - A course in American Lit (ENGL 24**/34**/4001/4005)
 - A course in British Lit (ENGL 23**/33**/4002/4006)

English and Creative Writing Majors

- ENGL:2010 Foundations of the English Major
- ENGL:2020 Foundations of Creative Writing
- A course in American Lit (ENGL 24**, 34**/4001/4005)
- A course in British Lit (ENGL 23**/33**/4002/4006).

Complete information about requirements and course content of Teacher Education Program areas can be found in our Program Guides: <https://education.uiowa.edu/current-student-resources#pguides>

Teacher Education Program Application

Completion of a minimum of 30 semester hours of earned college credit before submitting your TEP application.

<https://education.uiowa.edu/apply>

Application Deadlines

Students must be admitted into the Teacher Education Program to be able to register for certain courses. The ideal time to apply is at the priority deadline in order to be cleared for advising and registration in a timely manner.

Please allow at least 6 weeks to complete your application materials.

To be admitted for	Priority Deadline	Rolling Deadline
Summer or Fall	March 1	May 1
Spring	October 1	December 1

This guide is subject to change. It should not act as a substitute to interaction with the University of Iowa’s Office of Admissions or your community college advisor. For further information, please contact Sarah Showalter at (319)335-5119, Misty Brents at (319)335-5612, or the University of Iowa’s Office of Admissions at (319)335-1566.