

# SPECIAL EDUCATION, ASSOCIATE IN ARTS



College(s): DA, HW, KK, MX, OH, TR, WR

Program Code: 0210

## Pathway

The Special Education pathway begins your preparation to teach Special Education to K-12 students. Special Education teachers are also required to earn a bachelor's degree from an accredited program and obtain a Professional Educators License with a Special Education endorsement from the Illinois State Board of Education. Get started now by earning your associate degree from City Colleges, transfer to a four-year teacher certification program as a junior, and start a career in Special Education.

This is an **example course sequence** for students interested in pursuing Special Education. This does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. If this pathway is followed as outlined, you will earn an Associate in Arts (AA) degree. One course will satisfy the Human Diversity (HD) requirement, and is labeled with an (HD) in the sequence below. Following this pathway will help you get your associate degree, which will increase your chances of transfer to Bachelor's-level programs of study. Choose Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) courses to fulfill general education requirements whenever possible. Visit [www.itransfer.org](http://www.itransfer.org) (<http://www.itransfer.org>) and speak with your college advisor to learn more about IAI.

*For information regarding teaching, licensure and certification requirements for the State of Illinois, please visit [www.isbe.net](http://www.isbe.net) (<http://www.isbe.net>). It is important to note that students must pass Illinois Certification Testing System (ICTS) Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP) test, or have 22 composite ACT score and minimum score of 6 on the Writing portion, or have a composite score of 1110 (evidence-based reading and writing + mathematics = 1110 or higher) and a minimum score of 26 on writing and language for entrance into four-year College of Education institutions.*

## Semester-by-Semester Program Plan for Full-Time Students

All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding more semesters.

Semester 1		Hours
ENGLISH 101	Composition <sup>1</sup>	3
Select one of the following:		4
MATH 118	General Education Math <sup>1</sup>	
MATH 125	Introductory Statistics <sup>1</sup>	
MATH 121	Math For Elementary Teachers I <sup>1</sup>	
Fine Arts course <sup>1</sup>		3
EDUC 101	Introduction To Education <sup>2</sup>	3
PSYCH 201	General Psychology <sup>1</sup>	3
Hours		16
Semester 2		Hours
ENGLISH 102	Composition <sup>1</sup>	3
ANTHRO 202	Cultural Anthropology <sup>2</sup>	3-4
or MATH 121	or Math For Elementary Teachers I	
PSYCH 207	Child Psychology <sup>2</sup>	3
CHLD DV 101	Human Growth & Development I <sup>2</sup>	4
Hours		13-14
Semester 3		Hours
BIOLOGY 115	Human Biology <sup>1</sup>	4
or BIOLOGY 115	or Human Biology	
Select one of the following:		3
HUM 145	Intro to Diversity/Ethnic Studies (HD) <sup>1</sup>	
Humanities course (HD) <sup>1</sup>		
CHLD DV 102	Human Growth & Development II <sup>2</sup>	3
HISTORY 111	History of American People To 1865 <sup>1</sup>	3
or HISTORY 112	or History of American People From 1865	
POL SCI 201	The National Government <sup>1</sup>	3
Hours		16
Semester 4		Hours
SPEECH 101	Fundamentals of Speech Communication <sup>1</sup>	3
Select one of the following:		3
PHIL 107	Ethics <sup>1</sup>	

Fine Arts & Humanities course <sup>1</sup>	
Physical Sciences course <sup>1</sup>	3
CHLD DV 205 Development of Exceptional Child <sup>2</sup>	3
EDUC 203 Educational Psychology <sup>2</sup>	3
Hours	15
Total Hours	60-61

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General Education Requirement

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Pathway Elective

Choose your courses with your College Advisor.