



Associate in Arts Degree to Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education at Illinois State University

This is a suggested course pattern. Students must work with their advisor to develop a curriculum plan that meets their scheduling needs. Summer classes can also reduce the load during the fall and spring semesters.

HEARTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE			
FIRST YEAR	COURSE NAME	CREDIT HOURS	
		FALL	SPRING
ENGL 101	Critical Reading and Writing	3	
MATH 135*	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers I	3	
LITR 118*	Children's Literature	3	
CHLD 102*	Growth and Development of the Young Child	3	
BIOL 114*	Contemporary Biology	4	
ENGL 102	Multimodal Composition		3
MATH 136*	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers II		3
IAI Fine Arts	Any IAI Fine Arts course		3
CHLD 207*	Exceptional Child		3
EASC 121 or EASC 151*	Introduction to Earth Sciences <i>or</i> Introduction to Weather		3-4
Total Credit Hours		15	15-16
SECOND YEAR	COURSE NAME	CREDIT HOURS	
		FALL	SPRING
COMM 101	Introduction to Oral Communication	3	
MATH 109*	College Algebra (may be able to test out)	4	
IAI Humanities/Fine Arts	Any IAI Humanities or Fine Arts course	3	
GEOG 101*	World Geography	3	
HIST 135 or HIST 136*	History of the US to 1865 <i>or</i> History of the US Since 1865	3	
ECON 101*	Introduction to Microeconomics		3
CHEM 120*	Fundamentals of Chemistry		4
POS 101*	Introduction to American Government		3
EDUC 135	Multicultural Classroom		3
Elective	Will need 3-4 credits if student tests out of MATH 109, depends on which EASC taken		3-4
Total Credit Hours		16	15-17

*Course is specifically required for the bachelor's degree and/or transfer

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY			
THIRD YEAR	COURSE NAME	CREDIT HOURS	
		FALL	SPRING
TCH 205	Elementary Education Clinical I	3	
TCH 204	Practices/Issues in Elementary Education	3	
TCH 208	Literacy I	3	
TCH 248 or TCH 318		3	
ART 204 or MUS 277 or THE 281 or DAN		3	
Elective Track Course		3	
TCH 209	Literacy II		3
TCH 247	Science Inquiry		3
MAT 201	Teaching Math in Elementary Education		3
KNR 222	PE for Elementary Education Teachers		3
Elective Track Course			3
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Total Credit Hours		18	18
FOURTH YEAR	COURSE NAME	CREDIT HOURS	
		FALL	SPRING
TCH 260	Elementary Education Clinical II	3	
TCH 264	Language Arts Strategies	3	
TCH 257	Science Methods	3	
TCH 258	Social Studies Methods	3	
EAF 228, 231, or 235		3	
STT 399A50	Student Teaching		12
TCH 391	Teaching Equity		3
Total Credit Hours		15	15

- Students who successfully complete the Associate of Arts Degree at Heartland Community College and meet all general ISU and program admission criteria for the Elementary Education major at ISU will be admitted to ISU at the junior level.
- Students applying for the Elementary Education major at ISU must have a minimum Heartland GPA of 3.0 (if the student has attended multiple schools, the transfer GPA must be a 3.0 for all institutions attended) and apply between the dates of September 1 and January 15 for admission the following August.
- Students who apply should have met the minimum state licensure basic knowledge requirement (acceptable licensure ACT or SAT or TAP scores). Visit <https://education.illinoisstate.edu/teacher/gateways/tap.php> for more information on requirements.