

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Associate in Science (A.S.)

Program Code: S.SPD.AS

Graduation requirement — 60 semester hours

Students interested in completing a baccalaureate degree in special education are strongly encouraged to complete an A.A. or A.S. degree prior to transfer. To transfer into an approved baccalaureate program in special education as a junior, students must complete specific requirements and a minimum of 30–60 credits. UIUC recommends early transfer after completion of 30 credits, including required courses. Since admission is competitive, completion of the recommended courses does not guarantee admission. Students should be aware that a minimum grade point average for most universities is required for program admission.

Students planning to teach in special education in Illinois are advised to plan their transfer programs with a Parkland academic advisor to meet specific requirements of their preferred college or university and the Illinois State Teachers Certification Board.

Program Notes*

- **Future educators should work with an academic advisor** to learn which general education courses are required for transfer or acceptance into the specific institutions that have educator licensing programs.
- A criminal background investigation is required prior to field experience.
- Licensure by the State of Illinois requires that all courses in program be passed with a grade of C or higher.
- The following universities have specific math requirements for education transfer students.
EIU: MAT 105–106 sequence recommended
ISU: Transfer math other than MAT 108 recommended
- General Education Core Curriculum requirements for the Associate in Science (A.S.) degree do not fully satisfy the IAI General Education Core Curriculum (GECC) requirements. Additional courses to complete the GECC may be taken after transferring.
- Check with transfer institution regarding foreign language requirements.
- EDU 101 and PSY 209 and PSY 220 is required for transfer into Special Education
- Recommended courses are designed to facilitate completion of the A.A. and A.S. degree options and transfer into a four-year college or university with junior standing.

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE OPTION

General Education Core Courses* (32–34 hours)

Cr. Hrs.

Communications (9)	
COM 103 Introduction to Public Speaking	3
ENG 101 Composition I	3
ENG 102 Composition II	3
Humanities/Fine Arts electives	6
• Choose at least one course from Humanities and one from Fine Arts	
Social/Behavioral Sciences electives	6–8
Recommended:	
PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology (4)	
and HIS 104 History of the United States to 1877 (4)	
or HIS 105 History of the United States since 1877 (4)	
or POS 122 American National Government (3)	
• Soc/Beh Sci courses must be from two disciplines	
• One course from Hum/Fine Arts or Soc/Beh Sci must fulfill the non-Western culture requirement	
Mathematics elective	3
Life Sciences (laboratory-based) elective	4
Physical Sciences (laboratory-based) elective	4

A.S. Degree Requirement (7–8 hours)

Must include one additional mathematics and one additional physical or life science course.
Any AST, BIO, CHE, ESC, PHY, or SCI courses numbered 100 through 289 whose second digit is even, beyond the general education requirements in science, may fulfill the additional science course requirement.

Recommended Courses (16–22 hours)

Students should select courses from the following recommendations to meet the minimum 60-hour degree requirement. They are advised to make course selections with an academic success advisor as universities and the Illinois State Teachers Certification Board may have specific course requirements.

EDU 101* Introduction to Education	3
KIN 181 Health Education	2
EDU 104* Introduction to Special Education	3
PSY 207 Introduction to Child Psychology	
or PSY 209* Human Growth and Development	3
Mathematics elective	3–4
Science elective(s)	3–8
Foreign language courses*	0–8
Area of teaching concentration	3–9

Total Semester Credit Hours

60