

Illinois Board of Higher Education

Fall 2006 - AAT Implementation Survey

Public Institutions

1. Acceptance of AAT

Institution	Accept AAT	Secondary Math	Secondary Science	Early Childhood	Special Ed
Chicago State	Y	Y	Y	Y	Graduate degree only
Eastern Illinois	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Governors State	Y	Y	Y	Y	Graduate degree only
Illinois State	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Northern Illinois	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Northeastern Illinois	Y	In progress	In progress	Y	Y
SIUC	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SIUE	Y	Y	Y	N	N
UIC	<p>At the present time, only one two-year institution, Truman College, has contacted us regarding developing an AAT. I directed them to the program chairs for math and chemistry, to work out the details for coursework in the degree, but no further action was taken. I have talked to the math program chair, who may be amenable to acceptance of an AAT degree if the math prerequisites are agreed upon.</p> <p>At the present time, we generally accept credits from two-year institutions for introduction to education coursework, but this is done on a case-by-case basis. In addition, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences follows the articulation agreements in place for accepting general education credits from two-year institutions. Kimberly Clark, Associate Director for Secondary Education in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Student Affairs Office reports that she has not been approached by any student desiring to be a teaching major who has an AAT degree.</p>				
UIS	Y	Y	Y	N	N
UIUC	Y	Y	N	N	
Western Illinois	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

*Note from cover email: I cannot complete most of the questions as we are still in the process of working the articulations out. We expect to accept math, special education and early childhood. Those faculty members are in the process of aligning the AAT and I have requested that those documents be completed and to me by the end of the semester. I hope to have them to the faculty senate in early fall 2006. The science AAT is a bit more difficult to align and I am not sure how long it will take to work it through.

2. Policy

Institution	What policies have been established to facilitate transfer for students who complete an AAT degree	Provide the text included in catalog, transfer pages, etc.	If institution doesn't have policy, but is in process, give approximate date for initiation.
Chicago State	<p>The current transfer policy waives the Chicago State University placement examinations for undergraduate students, including transfer students, majoring in a bachelor's degree program leading to teacher certification, who can document having passed the Illinois Certification Test of Basic Skills at the time of their admission to the University (see Chicago State University Undergraduate Student Catalog 2006-2008, p. 66.</p>	<p>This language does not appear in the current catalog, given its recent publication. Language pertaining to the Illinois Articulation Initiative and the completion of the A.A. and A.S. degrees at the participating transfer institutions appears in the Chicago State University Undergraduate Student Catalog 2006-2008, p. 28. A revised catalog that incorporates the new AAT degree is located on the Chicago State University Web page. Also, specific course and letter grade requirements appear on each curriculum form (see five attachments).</p>	No answer

Eastern Illinois	EIU has created separate checklists for each AAT program to allow students and advisors to see the required study plan for completion of the degrees in each area. Links from the College Teacher Education website will direct those interested to further info.	(The text for the catalogue will read similarly to the text for the web pages.) “EIU fully participates with AAT programs completed through state approved AAT programs beginning Fall, 2006. Checklists for completion of the degrees that can lead to certification are given on each Departmental website or in each department office.”	EIU accepts students who have completed state approved AAT programs in Science, Math, Early Childhood, and Special Education. Initiation of the AAT programs will be as soon as there are eligible students. EIU is poised to accept these as early as Fall, 2006.
Governors State	GSU’s existing admissions policies apply to any Associate’s degree to include the AAT.	Current pages in the GSU catalog on the University’s website refer to Associates degrees in general and are extended to include the AAT. This information can be viewed at http://govst.edu/catalog and at http://www.govst.edu/articulation .	No answer
Illinois State	ISU will accept the AAT degree in Secondary Math, Early Childhood and Special Education as a baccalaureate-oriented Associates degree. Since the AAT in Secondary Science does not include the full IAI transferable core (GECC), we will audit individual components of the AAT in Secondary Science separately. Students that transfer with AAT degrees that include the IAI GECC will satisfy the ISU's General Education requirement. Students transferring AAT degrees that do not include complete IAI GECC will be allowed to complete the remaining courses at ISU and will satisfy General Education requirements upon completion of the full IAI GECC. Other courses included in the AAT programs will be articulated according to our current articulation agreements with individual community college partners. Additional review is planned for the future to re-evaluate course transfer in the area of Special Education.	No catalog copy currently.	Effective with the 07-08 Undergraduate Catalog (May 2007)
Northern Illinois	Students that transfer to NIU with an AAT completed in Secondary Math, Early Childhood and Special Education will receive “Compact Benefits” (Admission to the university, Junior standing	Please refer to page 17 of the 2006-07 NIU Undergraduate Catalog (attached) under “Illinois Public Community	No answer

	and all NIU general education requirements will be considered complete).	College Graduates”	
Northeastern Il. U.	Currently in process		September 2006
SIUC	SIUC has established a Community College Curriculum Articulation Committee, consisting of the appropriate faculty and staff, to meet with community college representatives about their degrees in order to facilitate the transfer of credits to the majors in Education and specialty fields.	There is no test pertaining to the AAT degree in SIUC’s Undergraduate Catalog 2007-08. But there will be in the next Undergraduate Catalog 2008-09, which goes to press this July.	July 2007
SIUE	At this time, there are no policies specific to AAT. We believe that our ongoing articulation agreements with community colleges continue to be the best way to ensure a seamless transition from any community college to SIUE. We also encourage prospective community college students and their advisors to communicate early and often with our SIUE advisors and this has been successful. With the articulation agreements and collaboration between prospective students and advisors, course choices made at the community colleges support a successful transfer to SIUE. At this time, our university is involved in a comprehensive revision of general education requirements and the outcome of this work will result in updating the specifics of our articulation agreements.	Text regarding the AAT degree is not available at this time. Transfers are handled using our articulation agreements and ongoing collaboration between prospective students and advisors.	Because of the ongoing revision of our general education requirements, work on establishing policies has not been started. We may be able to begin work on policy development during Spring or Fall 2007.
UIC	No policies have yet been established.	No such language exists.	We are not currently in the process of establishing a policy. However, if an AAT degree is created by one of our feeder schools, we would establish the policy.
UIS	Students who transfer with an AAT in Math will transfer to UIS as juniors and are considered to have all their gen. ed. requirements met. Students who transfer with an AAT in Science will transfer to UIS as juniors, but will need to complete a gen. ed. course in social science and one in humanities.	No answer	No answer
UIUC	Mathematics: We welcome AAT applicants to our programs in the teaching of secondary mathematics. A distinguishing characteristic of UIUC’s secondary education programs is that	No language appears in our catalog regarding AAT. Next possible chance for revision is for the fall	We anticipate having a policy by the end of May 2007.

	<p>students receive a bachelor of arts or science degree in the actual major in the subject area they wish to teach. UIUC students seeking certification to teach secondary mathematics typically enter as freshmen into the liberal arts and sciences mathematics major. After two or three years, they apply to a very substantial Minor in Secondary School Teaching at which time the student begins a two year sequence of courses leading to certification. Because of the rigor of these programs, many of the native students require five years to finish both the LAS major and the secondary education minor. In some cases, students choose to finish their content degree and subsequently enter the two year certification program at the graduate level. In the diagram below, each bar represents a year. The final bar is dashed because some mathematics students require the fifth year, while some finish in four years.</p> <p>To enter the mathematics program, community college applicants would apply to the liberal arts mathematics major and must meet the course pattern for admission as well as the competitive grade point average as described in the campus Transfer Handbook (www.oar.uiuc.edu/prospective/transfer/handbook/what.html).</p> <p>In the first year community college transfers would concentrate on upper level courses in their major and would then submit a separate application to the certification program. If accepted, they would begin the teacher education minor in their second year at UIUC. Community college transfers cannot be accepted directly into the teacher education minor because entrance requirements in mathematics include a number of upper division content courses not available at community colleges.</p>	<p>2008 Programs of Study.</p>	
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	<p>As a type of community college transfer, AAT students also could not be accepted directly into the teacher education program (because of the need for upper division courses not available at community colleges). However, students accepted as AAT students in math would be guaranteed acceptance into the teacher education program the following year as long as they maintain at least a 3.0 UIUC overall GPA and a 2.5 UIUC GPA in their content area.</p> <p>Special Education: The College of Education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will accept the Special Education AAT. The department is currently working on how to best facilitate the transfer for students with the AAT.</p> <p>Science: Community College students are welcome and are encouraged to apply; however, the AAT degree in Secondary Science will not guarantee graduation within two years at UIUC. Since ISBE tests and certifies for specific Science content areas: Science: Biology; Science: Physics; Science: Earth and Space Science; and Science: Chemistry, students in Secondary Teacher Education programs at UIUC major in the specific Science content area and minor in Secondary Teacher Education. Students receiving the more general science training provided by an AAT in Science will not have the content specific course sequence required for admission into Secondary Teacher Education and will not be able to complete their program requirements within the six semesters permitted for degree completion. Students interested in transferring to UIUC in the sciences should follow the Transfer Handbook (www.oar.uiuc.edu/prospective/transfer/handbook/what.html).</p>		
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	<p>Early Childhood: Early Childhood: Community College students are welcome and are encouraged to apply; however, the AAT degree in Early Childhood will not guarantee graduation within two years at UIUC. The AAT in Early Childhood includes a significant number of courses that UIUC requires at the upper-division level in an integrated professional sequence. Not only does this pose a problem with sequencing, but UIUC does not accept coursework taught at the lower-level for upper-level degree credit. In addition, as a result of the number of professional education courses completed in their first two years, AAT students will not have taken sufficient general education courses or area of concentration courses to enable them to complete their UIUC degree in two years. Students interested in transferring to UIUC in the early childhood should follow the Transfer Handbook (www.oar.uiuc.edu/prospective/transfer/handbook/what.html).</p>		
Western Illinois	Policies are being developed at this time.	Once policies have been fully developed, text will be added to catalog—will be completed shortly	Hopefully, for Fall, 2006 semester

3. Contact Person

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UIUC	Brenda M. Clevenger Asst Dean for Academic Affairs College of Ed. 1310 S. 6 th St. Room 120 Champaign, IL. 61820 217.330.2800
Western Illinois	Linda Tomlinson Director, Center for the Preparation of Education Professionals Western Illinois University 1 University Circle Macomb, IL 61455 309.298.2117

4. Courses/Standards

Institution	Information Included
Chicago State	Program alignment with AAT included for Secondary Biology, Secondary Chemistry, Secondary Math and Early Childhood, Does not apply to special education.
Eastern Illinois	Numerous standards are introduced to native and transfer students in lower division courses, embedded in agreed upon common syllabi/course requirements. All of these standards will be completed, assessed, and documented in upper division courses. Program alignment checklists included for Science, Math, Early Childhood-Family and Consumer Science with AAT, Early Childhood Education, Early Childhood-Special Education with AAT, and Special Education
Governors State	<u>Secondary Math Education Pprogram</u> is currently in development and pending approval. <u>Secondary Science:</u> Courses: Courses remaining to be fulfilled at the upper-division level will be discovered along with each AAT-granting institution during the articulation development process and will be based upon the details of the transferring AAT program and the degrees to which it introduces or meets the standards. (It is important to know that GSU, being an upper-division and graduate level institution ONLY, has no 'native students' whose program completion trajectories will serve as comparators for AAT transfer students.)

	<p>Standards: Due to the standards-based nature of all teacher preparation programs, the degrees to which individual standards elements are introduced or met in each institution's AAT program will drive the details of the transfer agreements between GSU and its lower division transfer partners. Standards remaining to be met will be discerned and agreed upon during discussions with each transferring institution.</p> <p>Early Childhood: See secondary science note.</p> <p>Special Education: GSU does not offer a baccalaureate level program in Special Education.</p>
Illinois State	<p>Students transferring with AAT degrees will complete all remaining Illinois State University graduation requirements. These include (but are not limited to) major requirements, professional education requirements, and requirements specific to the appropriate bachelors degrees.</p> <p>Students will receive credit for all baccalaureate-oriented course hours taken as part of the AAT degree. Courses taken as part of the AAT degree that are articulated with Illinois State University courses will be appropriately counted as part of degree requirements. Psychology and pedagogy courses included in the AAT degrees will be articulated according to existing institutional agreements. The following provides general guidance only:</p> <p>Introduction to Education: Currently not articulated with required professional education coursework. Policy under review.</p> <p>Introduction to Technology in Education: Technology standards are met through a series of steps spread over several courses. Illinois State University does not have a single course that satisfies all technology standards. Students may be able to use material from their AAT portfolio to satisfy Illinois State University's Technology Passport portfolio, upon appropriate faculty review.</p> <p>Educational Psychology: Generally articulated to ISU PSY 215 and will satisfy ISU's requirement.</p> <p>Development: Articulated as PSY 112 or 113 depending on specific agreements. Courses will be placed appropriately as part of existing requirements.</p> <p>Students with Disabilities in School: Generally articulated to ISU's SED 101. Course will be placed appropriately as part of existing requirements.</p> <p>Standards: Illinois State University coursework is aligned with Institutional Standards identified in our conceptual framework, "Realizing the Democratic Ideal," Illinois Professional Teaching Standards, and (in the case of mathematics) the National Council for Teachers of Mathematics standards. Other content area courses are aligned with appropriate national specialized professional associations. Most standards are met by virtue of a developmental process and are measured at various points in the curriculum. A student entering with the AAT degree may present evidence of having met certain standards that can be reviewed by appropriate Illinois State University faculty.</p>
Northern Illinois	No answer
Northeastern Il. U.	No answer
SIUC	No answer
SIUE	Secondary Math <u>Courses:</u> Advisement sheet attached (No change from previous sheet)

	Secondary Science <u>Standards:</u> State, NCTM content standards & Illinois Professional Teaching Standards Early Childhood Special Education
UIC	I've listed all of the coursework required to become certified in mathematics, chemistry, and physics for teacher education majors. I could envision that an AAT degree would include our introductory education courses (ED 200/ED 210) and general education requirements. For math , it is feasible that students could have taken Calculus I & II, but no articulation agreement exists. Calculus I & II and Math 210, chem. 112, and chem. 114 are required as prerequisites for physics and for chemistry , Calculus I, II, and III, General Physics I and II or Introductory Physics I and II are prerequisites. These are in addition to other general education requirements in English, foreign language, humanities, etc.
UIS	Program alignment provided for Secondary Math and Secondary Science.
UIUC	Unable to respond now but should be able to respond by the end of May 2007.
Western Illinois	Included alignment information for Math, Science, Early Childhood and Special Education.

5. Information

Institution	Information Included
Chicago State	No answer
Eastern Illinois	As noted, the College of Education and Professional Studies Teacher Education web pages have/will have information linked for a checklist for the AAT. Transfer Guides are under construction by the EIU Senior Assistant Director of Admissions, Transfer Coordinator based on approved AAT programs and remaining EIU requirements for graduation and certification eligibility.
Governors State	No answer
Illinois State	No answer
Northern Illinois	Information provided by Missy Gillis, Transfer Coordinator 815.753.0676
Northeastern Illinois	No answer
SIUC	No answer
SIUE	No answer
UIC	No answer
UIS	No answer
UIUC	No answer
Western Illinois	No answer

