
ASSOCIATE
IN
GENERAL
STUDIES

Associate in General Studies

Degree Requirements Checklist

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Community Service, Education and Partnerships

Adult Education and Literacy
Illinois High School Diploma
English as a Second Language/Citizenship/
Vocational Training
Literacy Services
Youth Programs
College and Career Transitions

Belleville AmeriCorps

Programs and Services for Older Persons
Educational Programs, Activities & Travel
Health and Wellness
Caregiver Counseling Programs
Volunteer Opportunities
Home Care, Intergenerational and Housing Programs
Illinois Telecommunication Access Corporation
Transportation

obtaining an industry recognized credential; c) work toward an associate degree.

Transition programs are based on the ICAPS model (Integrated Career and Academic Preparation System) and combine adult education classes with credit-bearing, foundation courses in Healthcare or Computer Numeric Coding.

- e Healthcare transition program consists of two programs of study. In the area of high school diploma, students may work toward passing their diploma test while being enrolled in classes that are taught within the context of a career in a healthcare field. Students who earn their high school diploma or already have a high school diploma may enroll in the Certified Nurse Assistant ICAPS program. In this program, students are co-enrolled in HRO 105 Nurse

Adult Education and Literacy (continued)

GSBS 101 Pre HSE II .5-6 credits GSBS 113 Intermediate ELA II .5-6 credits
is course is the second in a series of high school equivalency test preparation classes that includes basic skills such as literacy, reading, computation, communication, life skills and library and study skills. It covers the essentials of English, grammar, essay writing and comprehension in math, social studies, science and literature.
is is the second of two intermediate level English language classes for non-native English speaking students who have basic English abilities. e course focuses on improving English reading, writing, listening, and speaking abilities for the purpose of meeting basic survival and social needs. Technology is introduced as a component of language learning.

Type: P

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GSBS 102 Pre HSE III .5-6 credits
is course is the third in a series of high school equivalency test preparation classes that includes basic skills such as literacy, reading, computation, communication, life skills and library and study skills. It takes students into progressively more challenging components in English, grammar, essay writing and comprehension in math, social studies, science and literature.

Type: P

GSBS 103 Pre HSE IV .5-6 credits
is course is the fourth in a series of high school equivalency test preparation classes that includes basic skills such as literacy, reading, computation, communication, life skills and library and study skills. It takes students into progressively more challenging components in English, grammar, essay writing and comprehension in math, social studies, science and literature.

is course also prepares students to move into HSE (secondary education) classes.

Type: P

GSBS 104 Pre HSE V .5-6 credits
is course is the fifth in a series of high school equivalency test preparation classes that includes basic skills such as literacy, reading, computation, communication, life skills and library and study skills. It takes students into progressively more challenging components in English, grammar, essay writing and comprehension in math, social studies, science and literature.

is course also prepares students to move into HSE (secondary education) classes.

Type: P

GSBS 105 Pre HSE VI .5-12 credits
is course is the sixth in a series of high school equivalency test preparation classes that includes basic skills such as literacy, reading, computation, communication, life skills and library and study skills. It takes students into progressively more challenging components in English, grammar, essay writing and comprehension in math, social studies, science and literature.

is course also prepares students to move into HSE (secondary education) classes and introduces the study of the Constitution.

Type: P

GSBS 112 Intermediate ELA I .5-6 credits
is is the first of two intermediate level English language classes for non-native English speaking students who have basic English abilities. e course focuses on improving English reading, writing, listening, and speaking abilities for the purpose of meeting basic survival and social needs. Technology is introduced as a component of language learning.

Type: P

Adult Education and Literacy (continued)

- GSBS 127 ABE Math-Accelerated .5-6 credits
is course covers reading comprehension problems in several areas of basic-level mathematics. is course is for students who have a higher reading comprehension score than is required for GSBS 126.
Type: P
- GSBS 131 HSE Math Test Prep .5-3 credits
is course concentrates on quantitative problem solving and algebraic problem solving to prepare students for the math component of the high school equivalency exam. Content includes conceptual understanding, procedural skill and fluency and developing the ability to apply these in workforce and academic contexts.
Type: P
- GSBS 132 ASE Test Prep .5-3 credits
is course includes instruction in language arts, science and social studies in preparation for the high school equivalency exam. Content includes study skills, technology, and test preparation skills.
Type: P
- GSBS 140 ABE Citizenship .5-3 credits
is course is designed to prepare the student for American citizenship. e student will learn about the Constitution, American history and the structure of the United States government.
Type: P
- GSBS 141 ELAP Transitional Reading I .5-6 credits
is is the first of two transitional reading skills courses for non-native English speakers who have completed or tested out of Adult Education ELAP classes and who are preparing for post-secondary education at a U.S. college or university. is course is designed to strengthen reading skills and will focus on reading comprehension, ability to make inferences, reading speed, and vocabulary building strategies.
Type: P
- GSBS 142 ELAP Transitional Reading II .5-6 credits
is is the second of two transitional reading skills courses for non-native English speakers who have completed or tested out of Adult Education ELAP classes and who are preparing for post-secondary education at a U.S. college or university. is course is designed to strengthen reading skills and will focus on reading comprehension, ability to make inferences, reading speed, and vocabulary building strategies.
Type: P
- GSBS 150 ESL Career Exploration .5-6 credits
is class serves intermediate-level ESL students looking to improve their language skills while learning about education and career pathways available to them. Students will also be guided in assessing their own skills & goals, and will develop a personal portfolio containing their resume, interview strategies, etc. Frequent guest speakers will share information on various programs available to Adult Education students, such as CNA and Precision Machining, and on transitioning to college education.
Type P
- GSBS 158 ABE Job Skills .5-4 credits
is course is for the student who is looking for a job or seeking a better job. It is a variable credit course with four levels. ABE Job Skills I: value activities, goal setting and workplace exploration. ABE Job Skills II: searches, applications, interviewing and behaviors. ABE Job Skills III: planning, budgeting and basic computer skills. ABE Job Skills IV: computer usage, computer applications, job practices and behaviors.
Type: P
- GSBS 159 Career Development .5-2 credits
is variable credit course provides opportunities for career exploration using Illinois Career Cluster framework and for the development of the skills necessary to enter post-secondary education for ultimate employment within that cluster.
Type: P
- GSBS 160 ABE Career Pathways .5-1 credits
is class prepares students to enter ABE-level Math and Language Arts classes by helping them to determine career goals and select a career pathway. Students will also learn how the Adult Education program can help them obtain a high school equivalency certificate, vocational certificate or transition into credit-bearing classes at SWIC.
Type: P
- GSBS 161 ASE Career Pathways .5-1 credits
is class prepares students to enter ABE-level Math and Language Arts classes by helping them to determine career goals and select a career pathway. Students will also learn how the Adult Education program can help them obtain at high school equivalency certificate, vocational certificate or transition into credit-bearing classes at SWIC.
Type: P
- GSBS 162 ASE Citizenship .5-1 credits
is course is designed for advanced level students preparing for

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- GSBS 166 ASE Job Skills .5-4 credits
is course introduces students to job skills. e variable credit courses provide: Basic Job Skills I: value activities, goal setting, and workplace exploration. Basic Job Skills II: searches, applications, interviewing, and behaviors. Basic Job Skills III: planning, budgeting, workplace exploration, and basic computers. Basic Job Skills IV: computer usage, computer applications, job practices, and behaviors.
Type: P
- GSBS 167 Transitions to College .5-2 credits
is variable credit course provides opportunities for career exploration using Illinois Career Cluster framework and for the development of the skills necessary to enter post-secondary education for ultimate employment within that cluster.
Type: P
- GSBS 190 HSE Test Prep I .5-6 credits
is course covers the essentials in English grammar, essay writing, and reading comprehension necessary to prepare for the Language Arts component of the high school equivalency exam.
Type: P
- GSBS 191 HSE Test Prep IV .5-6 credits
is course is the fourth in a series of high school equivalency test preparation classes that builds upon the work of prior courses and includes the essentials of language arts, math, science and social studies as well as life skills and workforce skills.
Type: P
- GSBS 192 HSE Test Prep II .5-6 credits
is course concentrates on the three context domains of life science, physical science, and Earth and space science in order to prepare students for the high school equivalency exam. Content includes textual analysis and understanding, data representation and inference skills, and problem solving in academic and workforce contexts.
Type: P
- GSBS 193 HSE Test Prep III .5-6 credits
is course concentrates on the content domains of civics and government, United States history, economics, and geography and the world to prepare students for the high school equivalency exam. Instruction focuses on the development of problem-solving skills in academic and workplace contexts. e Constitutions of the U.S. and Illinois are covered.
Type: P
- GSBS 194 HSE Test Prep V .5-6 credits
is course is the fth in a series of high school equivalency test preparation classes that builds upon the work of prior courses and includes the essentials of language arts, math, science and social studies as well as life skills and workforce skills. Deeper study of the U.S. and Illinois Constitutions are included.
Type: P
- GSBS 195 HSE Test VI .5-6 credits
is course is the sixth in a series of high school equivalency test preparation classes that builds upon the work of prior courses and includes the essentials of language arts, math, science and social studies as well as life skills and workforce skills. In-depth study of the U.S. and Illinois Constitutions are included.
Type: P
- GS-Dev/Review Vocation Skills
- GSVR 81 Life Skills for Special Needs 2 credits
Teaches and reinforces speci c skills needed for adults with special needs to function in society. Class is designed to teach related skills, independent living, safety and other related topics.
Type: P
- GSVR 136 Small Gas Engines .5-3 credits
Students become familiar with small two and four-cycled gas engines, their construction, operation, problem areas, and how to service and repair them.
- GS-Homemaking Skills
- GSHM 59 Woodworking 2 credits
Includes a background of shop safety procedures, use of machine and hand tools and fasteners and abrasives. is class also

Community Education

Health and Wellness Programs

Classes to improve strength, balance and coordination for all activity levels including Gentle Yoga and Tai Chi. Multiple options for increasing activity levels including Line Dancing, and group exercise are available. Health screening and counseling as well as programs to help manage and support chronic conditions that we encounter by living longer are also provided.

Older Adult and Caregiver Counseling Programs

Short term counseling is available for St. Clair County residents over the age of 60, or for those who provide caregiving for a family member or friend over the age of 60. The goal of the programs is to provide community resource information and assist with emotional adjustments related to aging, illness, bereavement, life events, or caregiving. Counseling is available in the home or at the PSOP building. Consultations and sessions are free of charge but donations to the program are accepted. Related community education programs, support groups, and