

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE CURRICULUM (GECC) CREDENTIAL

The General Education Core Curriculum (GECC) Credential is an award provided by a community college for completion of the 37-41 credit hours which satisfy the GECC of the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI). The GECC Credential may be submitted for approval using the Form 21GECC as a Reasonable and Moderate Extension to the Associate in Arts degree. The Credential provides community colleges with a pathway to acknowledge the milestone of completion for students who are in transfer programs. The credential is defined in Administrative Rule 23 Ill Adm Code 1501.301 and ICCB Administrative Rules Section 1501.309d2).

Application Timeline. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year. Requests are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Clarification and/or additional information may be requested by ICCB staff if the application is unclear or incomplete. All requests must be reviewed, recommended and approved by ICCB Staff on behalf of the Board.

Application. Complete the Form 21GECC as indicated. The existing/parent program is the Associate in Arts degree. The PCS/CIP, Parent Program Title, and Degree Type have been provided. Include the Form 22 "Curriculum Addition/Withdrawal/Change to the Curriculum Master File". **NOTE:** Do not insert responses into the application. The signature boxes must remain on the cover page of the application.

Questions regarding the completion of the application can be directed to ICCB Academic Affairs staff. Contact Tricia Broughton at tricia.broughton@illinois.gov with questions.

The curriculum approval application should be completed in its entirety, with one hard copy mailed to ICCB staff and one electronic copy (MS Word format only NOT PDF) to ICCB staff.

Please send both copies to:

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Springfield, IL 62701
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Approval Notification. Once approval has been granted, ICCB Academic Affairs staff will notify the appropriate college staff by email. Approval documentation will include a copy of the dated Form 21GECC cover page, and a copy of the processed Form 22. Questions regarding the status of this documentation should be directed to Tricia Broughton at tricia.broughton@illinois.gov.

