Illinois Community College Board
DIRECT ADMISSIONS (DA) SUBMISSION

In 2025, Illinois enacted a [Direct Admissions law](#) aimed at simplifying the college admissions process for high school students and community college transfer students. The Illinois Community College Board has created the Direct Admissions Data (DA) submission to meet the requirements of the Direct Admissions Legislation.

A few key takeaways regarding the new Direct Admissions (DA) submission:

- **<u>The due date for the Direct Admissions (DA) submission is June 22, 2026</u>**.

- Formal guidance on the DA submission was shared with community college institutional research (IR) staff on February 13 to allow sufficient planning time. A follow-up webinar with IR staff is scheduled for March 4.

- To reduce reporting burden, ICCB modeled the DA submission after existing ICCB submissions, aligning most data elements to reduce duplication.

- The detailed DA submission layout has been placed on each college's secure FTP site, and IR staff have received instructions for accessing it.

For this first year of the DA submission, records meeting the requirement of a minimum of 30 graded, transferable semester hours should be included in the DA file. For students enrolled in Academic Year 2025–26, course credit will be reported for Direct Admissions only if it meets at least one of the following criteria:

1) PCS 1.1 designation on the ICCB Course Master File

2) General Education Core Curriculum (GECC) course

3) Illinois Articulation Initiative course

Please note that ICCB is currently in discussions with other state partners to determine how to potentially expand the courses to be included for year two and beyond. These discussions include the potential inclusion of Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree pathways accepted by universities. Additional information will be shared about any potential expansion for future academic years as that information becomes available.

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) is collecting opt-in information from Academic Year 2005-26 community college students for the Direct Admissions program through [OneClickAdmit.org](#) until May 22, 2026. ICCB will coordinate data connectivity between students who opt in and those submitted through the DA submission process. To support future participation, ICCB will provide guidance to colleges on incorporating opt-in collection into local processes, such as during student registration.

For inquiries regarding the DA submission, please contact a member of the ICCB Research and Analytics Division.