

Direct Admissions: Key Resources for Transfer Coordinators and Academic Advisors

Below are key resources for community college staff supporting community college transfer students who have opted into the *One Click College Admit* Direct Admissions transfer process.

You can find:

- The links to each university's Direct Admissions landing page
- The GPA threshold for each four-year university
- Three letters to students who have opted in to the Direct Admissions process. This includes:
 - Students who have been accepted to one or more university
 - Students who have not been accepted into the Direct Admissions process because they did not have enough transferable hours or were not enrolled last year
 - Students who have a GPA that does not meet the university threshold

Students will receive these emails on **Sept 15, 2026**.

Once students have received their Direct Admissions letter, they will know which universities will accept them based on their GPA. They can review each university through the university's landing page, talk to their community college advisor, and if they are interested, move forward through the admission process to complete the enrollment process for fall of 2027.

All students will be encouraged to complete their associate degree and be in the best position to transfer.

Students who did not have enough hours, were not enrolled last year, or did not have a sufficient GPA are encouraged to move forward with their community college education.

If you have questions about this process, please contact Mark Mesle at mark.mesle@illinois.gov

University Landing Page Links	GPA Threshold for Transfer Students
Chicago State University	2.0
Eastern Illinois University	2.0
Governor's State University	2.0
Illinois State University	3.5
Northeastern Illinois University	2.0
Northern Illinois University	2.0
SIU Carbondale	2.0
SIU Edwardsville	2.0
University of Illinois -Springfield	2.0
Western Illinois University	2.0

1) DA notification for CC transfer students who have been accepted

Subject Line: Congratulations! You Have Fall 2027 Illinois Direct Admissions Offers!

Body:

Dear <Name>

Congratulations! Because you opted into [One Click College Admit](#), Illinois' direct admissions program, we are pleased to share that you have received transfer admission offers to one or more Illinois public university.

Through *One Click College Admit*, you were automatically considered for general admission at participating Illinois public universities with no application fee, letters of recommendation, or essays. Your offers are based on your GPA, your status as a current community college student, and having at least 30 transferrable credit hours that meet One Click College Admit eligibility requirements.

Based on the academic information currently available, you have received general admissions offers for the following universities:

List of colleges

This is an exciting milestone. As you consider your next step, **we strongly encourage you to complete your associate degree** before transferring. Completing your associate degree can maximize transfer opportunities, strengthen your academic preparation, and provide significant academic and financial benefits.

Take time to explore each university that has offered you admission. You can learn more about each institution, its academic programs, enrollment timelines, scholarships, and financial aid by visiting its One Click College Admit direct admissions transfer webpage. It is also important to speak with your community college advisor who can help you evaluate your options and plan your transfer.

To enroll, you will need to complete the steps required by the university you choose. Be sure to review each institution's deadlines, particularly those related to merit-based scholarships. You can also learn more about state financial aid opportunities through the [Illinois Student Assistance Commission](#).

If you have any questions, please visit the [One Click College Admit](#) website or speak with your community college advisor.

Congratulations again, and best wishes as you complete your associate degree and prepare for the next step in your educational journey.

2) Communication to CC students who don't meet 30-hour threshold, or weren't enrolled and can't participate in DA matching

Subject Line: An update on your Illinois Direct Admissions Status

Dear <Name>,

Thank you for opting in to [One Click College Admit](#), Illinois' direct admissions program.

To be eligible for direct admission as a transfer student, you must have completed at least 30 *transferable* credit hours (credit hours that can be transferred to and accepted by another higher education institution) and been enrolled in an Illinois community college in the last academic year.

Based on the academic information currently available, you have not yet reached the 30 transferable credit hours (all IAI, GECC courses, and PCS 1.1 courses are transferable) that meet the eligibility requirements for the program, *OR* you were not enrolled at an Illinois community college in the last academic year.

Although you are not eligible for this year's cycle, you are making progress toward eligibility. Once you earn at least 30 transferable credit hours or re-enroll at your local community college, you may be eligible to participate in a future direct admissions cycle.

We encourage you to continue working toward your associate degree. Completing your associate degree can maximize your transfer opportunities, strengthen your academic preparation, and provide additional academic and financial benefits.

You may always apply to the college or university of your choice through the standard application process at any time.

Speaking with your community college advisor can help you review your progress, confirm which credits are transferable, and plan your next steps.

We wish you continued success as you work toward your educational goals.

Sincerely,

3) Communication to CC students who don't meet the transfer GPA threshold for any institution

Subject Line: An update on your Illinois Direct Admissions Status

Dear <Name>,

Thank you for opting in to [One Click College Admit](#), Illinois' direct admissions program.

Based on the academic information currently available, you do not yet meet the GPA criteria established by the participating Illinois public universities for direct admissions through One Click College Admit.

Although you did not receive a direct admission offer this year, there are still many pathways to achieving your educational goals.

We encourage you to continue your community college education and work toward completing your associate degree. Completing your associate degree can maximize transfer opportunities, strengthen your academic preparation, and provide additional academic and financial benefits.

As you continue your coursework, you may improve your GPA and become eligible in the future for direct admissions. You may also apply to the college or university of your choice through the standard application process.

Speaking with your community college advisor can help you review your academic progress, identify opportunities to strengthen your transfer options, and plan your next steps.

We wish you continued success as you pursue your educational goals.

Sincerely,

The Illinois One Click College Admit Team