

## 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](mailto: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:**

Tricia Broughton, Associate Director for Academic Affairs  
Illinois Community College Board  
401 East Capitol Avenue  
Springfield, IL 62701  
[tricia.broughton@illinois.gov](mailto:tricia.broughton@illinois.gov)

**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](mailto:tricia.broughton@illinois.gov).

Form 21GECC

**Illinois Community College Board**  
**Application for Reasonable and Moderate Extension**

Submit one hard copy

<b>COLLEGE NAME:</b>		<b>5-DIGIT COLLEGE NUMBER:</b>	
<b>CONTACT PERSON:</b>		<b>PHONE:</b>	
<b>EMAIL:</b>		<b>FAX:</b>	
<b>PROPOSED REASONABLE AND MODERATE EXTENSION TITLE:</b> General Education Core Curriculum (GECC) Credential			
<b>CREDIT HOURS:</b>	<b>Degree Type:</b> 53	<b>PCS/CIP:</b> 1.1/24.0101	
<b>EXISTING PARENT PROGRAM TITLE:</b> Associate in Arts degree			
<b>Parent PREFIX:</b>	<b>Parent NUMBER:</b>		

Please **attach** the following items:

- Admissions:** Describe admissions requirements of the program, demonstrating that state standards for admission to all transfer programs (PA 86-0954) are being met.
- Catalog Description:** Provide a description of the program as it will appear in the college catalog. Description must include a statement indicating clearly to students this credential represents completion of the General Education Core Curriculum (GECC) as a part of a transferrable degree and is not a workforce certificate nor industry-recognized credential.
- Curriculum:** In accordance with Section 1501.301 and 309 of the ICCB System Rules, a General Education Core Curriculum (GECC) credential may be awarded to a student upon completion of 37-41 credit hours across five academic disciplines which satisfy the General Education Core Curriculum of the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI). Indicate the specific courses/credit hours in each academic discipline required. Provide a description of how the college will verify curricular requirements are being met and students have completed all necessary GECC requirements.
- Courses:** Complete the attached Course Documentation Table, providing information on the courses which will fulfill the requirements to be awarded the GECC credential.
- Information for the ICCB Curriculum Master File:** Provide a completed, signed and dated Form 22 (in duplicate) with this application.

VERIFICATION	
<b>SIGNED</b>	
	<i>Required-</i> Chief Administrative Officer Signature <span style="float: right;"><i>Date</i></span>

<b>ICCB USE ONLY:</b>	
REVIEWED BY:	Date:
APPROVED BY:	Date:

Please note: Signature Box must remain on front page of Application Form.

### Form 21GECC Course Documentation Table

**Community College:**

*Please provide information for each course which meets the requirements for fulfilling the General Education Core Curriculum.*

**GECC Courses**

Course Prefix	Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	IAI Code
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Communications

Humanities & Fine Arts

Mathematics

Physical & Life Sciences

Social & Behavioral Sciences

**NOTE:** This table is for reference purposes only. Contact ICCB Academic Affairs staff for a copy of the table/spreadsheet in MS Excel format.