

INSTRUCTION - 800

Transfer Degree Educational Guarantee (800.10)

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Illinois Eastern Community Colleges, hereinafter referred to as "IECC," as an expression of confidence in the faculty and staff and as a commitment to its students, shall guarantee to the public the educational effectiveness of its transfer programs of instruction.

IECC shall guarantee the transferability of pre-baccalaureate/university-parallel credit courses to public senior Illinois colleges and universities for each student who completes the Associate in Arts degree, Associate in Science degree, or Associate in Science and Arts degree. If such Illinois Community College Board-approved courses and credits do not fully transfer for lower division level (freshmen/sophomore) credit, IECC shall refund to the degree completion student the tuition actually paid by the student for the non-transferring credits or, at the student's option, offer additional IECC coursework at no cost to the student, subject to the following criteria:

1. The application for a refund or additional coursework must be submitted within one (1) calendar year of graduation with an Associate in Arts degree, Associate in Science degree, or an Associate in Science and Arts degree from IECC;
2. The course must have been completed with a grade of "C" or better;
3. The tuition refund will be based upon the tuition actually paid by the student at the time of enrollment;
4. The student must have met with an authorized IECC advisor, declared a major, identified the public Illinois transfer college or university prior to taking courses, and taken only those IECC courses approved in writing by the IECC advisor. Unapproved courses and courses taken for personal interest are not guaranteed;
5. The student must have transferred to the declared college or university in the State of Illinois within one (1) year of having graduated from IECC with an Associate in Arts, an Associate in Science, or an Associate in Science and Arts degree; and,
6. The student must submit a claim within sixty (60) days of being notified by the transfer institution that a course had been refused for credit stating **reasons** for the refusal offered by the institution, and include the **name, position, address, and telephone** number of the person notifying the student of the refusal, and include copies of all correspondence or documentation provided by the transfer institution.

IECC will first attempt to resolve the issue with the transfer institution. If favorable resolution is not achieved within ninety (90) days, the reimbursement of tuition or additional IECC coursework will be authorized. Furthermore, the sole recourse available to participants enrolled pursuant to this guarantee shall be limited to an amount equal to the course tuition at the time of enrollment or enrollment in coursework equal in credit hours to unacceptable credit hour courses, not to exceed a total of fifteen (15) credit hours, with no recourse for damages, court costs, or any associated costs of any kind or right to appeal beyond those specified by Illinois Eastern Community Colleges. This guarantee is given in lieu of any other guarantee expressed or implied.