

**Rock Valley College Transfer Guide**  
**Bachelor of Science in Community Health**



Available at:  
NEIU Main Campus (Chicago, IL)  
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**Why Choose Northeastern?**

Northeastern Illinois University is committed to providing an affordable education. That’s why our tuition and fees are among the most affordable of the Illinois public universities. We offer a **tuition guarantee program** that guarantees incoming students the same tuition rate for four years.

Northeastern offers more than 40 undergraduate degree and certificate programs, with classes on weekdays, evenings, weekends, and online. Small class sizes allow for students to pursue a more personal academic experience in one of the most ethnically diverse universities in the nation.

**Community Health Program Description**

The Community Health (HSCI) program prepares students to work in a variety of settings that include: city, county, and state health departments, hospitals, worksite wellness, college campuses, parks and recreation departments, non-profit organizations (American Diabetes Association, American Cancer Society, YMCA, Boys and Girls Club), and more. Example programs community health majors work with include: nutrition and exercise, alcohol and other drugs, sexual transmitted infections and contraception awareness, social and emotional health, environmental awareness, disease prevention, health disparities, immunization awareness, and many more. They may initiate wellness programs, write policies, implement educational activities, or create resources to promote healthy living. Examples of job titles might include, but are not limited to, healthcare administrator, health educator, and community health worker. The degree is also a launching pad for a graduate education in a number of health-related fields.

**Contact Information**

**Northeastern Illinois University Transfer Center:** Students who have questions about the program prior to admission may contact the Northeastern Illinois University Transfer Center at (773) 442-4076 or email: [TransferSteps@neiu.edu](mailto:TransferSteps@neiu.edu).

**Admission Requirements**

- Students must have earned a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher for all college or university course work attempted. Students must be in good academic standing at the last college or university attended.
- Required documents are: application for admission, \$30 nonrefundable application fee, and official transcripts from all colleges and universities.
- Additional Admission and application materials, including the option to apply online can be found at [www.neiu.edu/Transfer](http://www.neiu.edu/Transfer).
- Application deadlines are as follows:

Semester Applying	Deadline to Apply	International Student Deadline to Apply
Fall	July 15	June 15
Spring	November 1	October 1
Summer I	April 1	March 1
Summer II	May 1	April 1

### Admission Requirements for the Daniel L Goodwin College of Education for Community Health

- C or better in English 101.
- C or better in College Level Math.
- A minimum 2.5 GPA.
- A minimum 30 semester hours (this can be transfer coursework or courses taken at Northeastern).

### General Education Requirements

Three options are available to students who plan to complete their General Education requirements at Rock Valley College.

- **Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree:** Students who transfer with an approved Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) Model Associate of Arts degree will have met Northeastern Illinois University's General Education requirements. Students who transfer with an Associate of Science degree granted December 2016 or later may need to take one additional Humanities course and one additional Social and Behavioral Sciences course to meet Northeastern's General Education requirements.
- **Completion of the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI):** Students who transfer after completing the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) will have met their General Education requirements.
- **Transfer Course Lists for Rock Valley College:** Students may choose to meet their General Education requirements by selecting courses from Northeastern's Transfer Course Equivalency Guides, available at: [www.neiu.edu/Transfer](http://www.neiu.edu/Transfer). **When choosing this option, please use the following Northeastern Illinois University General Education guide:**

Northeastern Illinois University General Education Program		
The General Education Program requires <b>42-45 credit hours</b> of courses distributed among 6 areas.		
Northeastern Illinois University Requirement	Credits	Rock Valley College Equivalent (if any)
<b>Math / Quantitative Reasoning – MATH 112</b> Statistics in Daily Life (3 hours)	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MTH 220</b> Elements of Statistics</li> </ul>
<b>Social / Behavioral Sciences</b> 3 courses (9 hours)	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No more than two courses from the same department may be used.</li> </ul>
<b>Natural Sciences</b> 3 courses (9 hours)	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No more than two courses from the same department may be used.</li> <li>• One course must be a lab course.</li> </ul>
<b>Fine Arts</b> 2 courses (6 hours)	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No more than one course from the same department may be used.</li> </ul>
<b>Humanities</b> 3 courses (9 hours)	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SPH 132</b> Public Speaking</li> <li>• No more than two courses from the same department may be used.</li> <li>• No more than two foreign language courses may be used to fulfill this requirement.</li> </ul>
<b>Non-General Education University Requirements</b> (6-9 hours)	6-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ENG 101</b> Composition I with a grade of "C" or better.</li> <li>• <b>ENG 102</b> Composition II with a grade of "C" or better.</li> <li>• Improving Human Relations requirement will be met through one of many general education courses. Please see the <a href="#">Rock Valley Transfer Course Equivalency Guide</a> to find courses meeting Human Relations.</li> </ul>

## Degree Plan\*

D: Degree		Semester-by-Semester Program Plan for Full-Time Students			
GECC: General Education Core Curriculum		<i>*All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding additional semesters</i>			
D	GECC	Semester 1	Rock Valley Category	NEIU Category	Next Actions
•	•	ENG 101 – Composition I (3)	Communication	Writing Requirement	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with advisor to discuss academic goals and plan coursework
•	•	Social Science Course (3)	Social Science	General Education	
•	•	Social Science Course (3)	Social Science	General Education	
•	•	Fine Arts Course (3)	Humanities/Fine Arts	General Education	
•	•	Humanities Course (3)	Humanities/Fine Arts	General Education	
•		STU 100 – Planning for Success (1)	Elective	Elective	
<b>16 Credit Hours</b>					
D	GECC	Semester 2	Rock Valley Category	NEIU Category	Next Actions
•	•	ENG 102 – Composition II (3)	Communication	Elective	<b>DO THIS</b> – Mid-term check-in with advisor
•	•	Life Science or Physical Science Course (3-4)	Life/Physical Science	General Education	
•	•	MTH 220 – Elements of Statistics (3)	Mathematics	Math/Quantitative Reasoning	<b>DO THIS</b> – <a href="#">Apply</a> to NEIU's Guaranteed Admission Program (GAP)
•	•	SPH 132 – Public Speaking (3)	Communication	General Education	
•		Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective	
<b>15-16 Credit Hours</b>					
D	GECC	Semester 3	Rock Valley Category	NEIU Category	Next Actions
•	•	Life Science or Physical Science Course (3-4)	Life/Physical Science	General Education	<b>DO THIS</b> – Mid-term check-in with advisor
•	•	Social Science Course (3)	Social Science	General Education	
•	•	Humanities or Fine Arts Course (3)	Humanities/Fine Arts	General Education	<b>DO THIS</b> – Begin seeking additional four-year funding <b>DO THIS</b> – <a href="#">Apply for admission</a> to NEIU
•		Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective	
•		Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective	
<b>16 Credit Hours</b>					
D	GECC	Semester 4	Rock Valley Category	NEIU Category	Next Actions
•	•	Social Science Course (3)	Social Science	General Education	<b>DO THIS</b> – Petition to graduate
•	•	Humanities or Fine Arts Course (3)	Humanities/Fine Arts	General Education	
•		Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective	<b>COMPLETION</b> of Associate of Arts Degree
•		Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective	
•		Elective Course (4)	Elective	Elective	
<b>16 Credit Hours</b>					
<b>MINIMUM TOTAL AA CREDIT HOURS: 64</b>					
<b>WRITTEN DEGREE PLAN CREDIT RANGE: 63-64</b>					
<b>DO THIS</b> – <a href="#">Register for NEIU orientation</a> (once admitted)					

**Note:**

- All Rock Valley College students must complete a Non-Western Culture course as part of their associate's degree. See your Rock Valley College advisor for course options.
- All students who earn an Associate of Arts Degree from Rock Valley College enter Northeastern with 64 hours of transfer credit, even if they earned less than 64 credit hours. See the [NEIU Transfer Policy](#) for further information.
- MTH 220 Elements of Statistics is required for Community Health major students.
- Community Health major students will need to choose between a Public Health Sciences or Exercise Science and Recreation concentration.

<b>Northeastern Illinois University</b>		
<i>All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding additional semesters</i>		
<b>Semester 5</b>	<b>NEIU Category</b>	<b>Next Actions</b>
HSCI 200 Community Health (3)	Major Requirement	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with your advisor
HSCI 303 Sex Education (3)	Major Requirement ELE-X Requirement	
HSCI 309 Nutrition and Health (3)	Major Requirement	
HSCI 319 Drug Education (3)	Major Requirement ELE-X Requirement	
Community Health elective course (3)*	Major Requirement	
<b>15 Credit Hours</b>		
<b>Semester 6</b>	<b>NEIU Category</b>	<b>Next Actions</b>
PEMT 305 Functional and Structural Human Anatomy (3)	Major Requirement	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with your advisor
Community Health elective course (3)*	Major Requirement	
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<b>15 Credit Hours</b>		
<b>Semester 7</b>	<b>NEIU Category</b>	<b>Next Actions</b>
HSCI 312 Global and Environmental Health (3)	Major Requirement ELE-X Requirement	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with your advisor
HSCI 314 Epidemiology and Human Diseases (3)	Major Requirement	
HSCI 315 WIP: Writing in the Health Sciences and Physical Education (3)	Major Requirement WIP Requirement	<b>DO THIS</b> – Apply for graduation
HSCI 316 Health Disparities: Individual, Communities and Systems (3)	Major Requirement ELE-X Requirement	
HSCI 318 Consumer Health (3)	Major Requirement	
<b>15 Credit Hours</b>		
<b>Semester 8</b>	<b>NEIU Category</b>	<b>Next Actions</b>
HSCI 340 Health Behavior Theory Practice (3)	Major Requirement	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with your advisor
HSCI 350 Health Program Planning, Design Development (3)	Major Requirement	
HSCI 357 Intro to health Care Management & Leadership (3)	Major Requirement	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with Career Services for career counseling
Community Health elective course (3)*	Major Requirement	
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<b>15 Credit Hours</b>		
<b>Semester 9</b>	<b>NEIU Category</b>	<b>Next Actions</b>
HSCI 360 Health Program Management Evaluation (3)	Major Requirement	<b>COMPLETION</b> of Bachelor of Science Degree
HSCI 370 Field Experience: Community Health (9)	Major Requirement ELE-DS Requirement	
Community Health elective course (3)*	Major Requirement	
<b>15 Credit Hours</b>		
<b>BACHELOR'S DEGREE MINIMUM TOTAL: 139 CREDIT HOURS</b>		

\* Community Health elective courses are specific to the student's concentration and should be chosen in consultation with their Community Health advisor.

## Tuition, Financial Aid and Scholarships

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For information about financing your education at Northeastern, including Financial Aid and Scholarship opportunities, please see our website: <http://neiu.edu/financial-aid/>. You may also contact our Financial Aid Office directly at (773) 442-5016 or email [Financial-Aid@neiu.edu](mailto:Financial-Aid@neiu.edu). If you are completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), Northeastern's federal School code is **001693**.

**Provost and Deans Merit Scholarships for TRANSFER students\*:**

Scholarship	Amount Awarded	Credit Hour Requirement	GPA Requirement	Residency Requirement	NEIU Enrollment Requirement
Provost Merit	\$2,000	60+ credit hours	3.50 GPA	Illinois Residency	Full-Time (12+ credit hours)
Deans Merit	\$1,000	60+ credit hours	3.0 GPA	Illinois Residency	Full-Time (12+ credit hours)

*Until all of the scholarships are awarded, students who meet these qualifications will automatically be considered for the Provost and Deans Merit Scholarships at the time of applying for admission to Northeastern. Completing an additional application is not necessary. The Office of Scholarships may be reached at (773) 442-4606 or [scholarships@neiu.edu](mailto:scholarships@neiu.edu).*