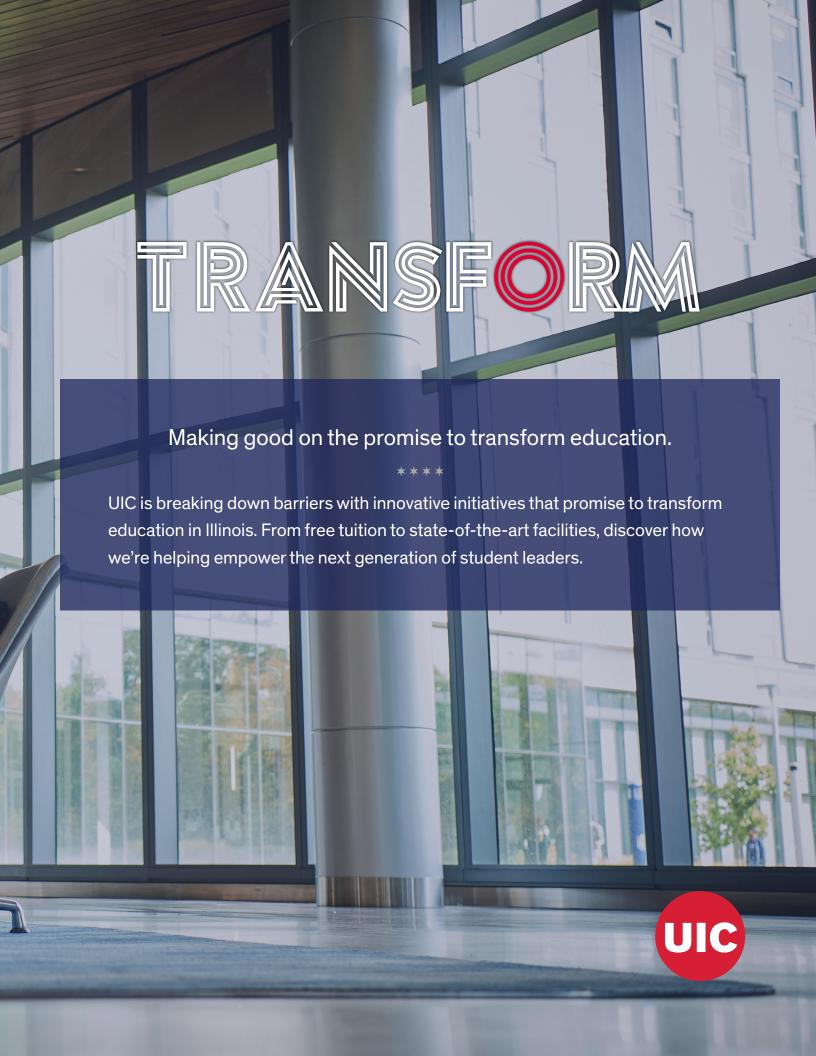




Admissions Guide for School Counselors

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO









This year, UIC will introduce a groundbreaking initiative: UIC Aspire, a free tuition program for Illinois families earning less than \$75,000 a year. This initiative ensures that students can pursue their academic goals without the financial burden of tuition costs. For more information and eligbility, visit **FREE.UIC.EDU.**

Igniting Innovation

UIC'S NEW COMPUTER SCIENCE HUB

UIC's new, state-of-the-art computer science building is expected to open in 2025. This expansion is equipped with the latest facilities and increased capacity to support our growing computer science programs, aimed at empowering the next generation of innovators.

Pioneering Programs

EDUCATION AND HEALTHCARE

UIC is paving the way for future educators and healthcare professionals. UIC Nursing will be offering direct entry for first-year students for the first time in its history. UIC Education is creating innovative pipeline programs for students interested in teaching in underserved communities.

Honoring Legacy and Commitment THE RETZKY COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AT UIC

The UIC College of Pharmacy is now the Herbert M. and Carol H. Retzky College of Pharmacy, celebrating the Retzkys' \$44 million commitment and their legacy. Herbert, a 1946 graduate, and Carol, an honorary degree recipient, owned pharmacies in Chicago, marking UIC's first donor-named college.

Program Updates

STAY UP TO DATE WITH PROGRAM CHANGES

UIC frequently develops new undergraduate majors and minors. Explore all of our current undergraduate programs at **MAJORS.UIC.EDU.**

MUSIC EDUCATION is now offered as an undergraduate major.

FIRST-YEAR ADMISSIONS

Who is considered a first-year student?

All students enrolled in high school when they apply, including those taking dual credit courses. Students who have graduated from high school and have not enrolled in credit-bearing coursework since are also considered first-year applicants.

Applying as a first-year student

Students who are first-year applicants must use the Common Application to apply, which is available on August 1 of every year. UIC's first-year applicants choose from two decision periods:

EARLY ACTION

Deadline: November 1*

UIC offers a nonbinding Early Action (EA) process.

Those that apply by the November 1 EA deadline will receive a decision or deferral to the regular admissions process by December 16 and will have maximum consideration for scholarship programs.

Students who are deferred or don't receive a decision by late January are strongly encouraged to submit their seventh semester grades.

REGULAR DECISION

Deadline: February 1*

Our Regular Decision process has rolling notifications for admission, with decisions sent from December to March. The timing of the decision depends on the program or college the student applies to and the overall strength of the application.

FACTORS CONSIDERED

While we place an emphasis on a student's academic history, we also pay attention to non-academic aspects:

Rigor of secondary school record	Very Important
Grade point average	Very Important
Standardized test score	Very Important and optional
Choice of major 1	Important
Application essay	Important
Class rank	Important
Extracurricular activities	Important
Recommendations	Considered and optional

¹ Students can select second and third choice majors on the Common Application.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

First-year applications must meet these core requirements to complete an application:

- Use the Common Application
- Submit a \$60 nonrefundable application fee or application fee waiver
- Provide an official high school transcript and a Common Application School Report
- Optional: Send SAT/ACT scores, submitted electronically or printed on official transcripts

Special Programs

HONORS COLLEGE

First-year applicants may apply to the Honors Collegeas an option on the Common Application. Admission into honors programs is determined by a combination of GPA, test scores, rigor of coursework, letters of recommendation, and an interview process.

HONORS.UIC.EDU

GUARANTEED PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM ADMISSIONS (GPPA)

GPPA is a competitive program that allows academically talented first-year applicants to secure their seat in a professional or graduate degree program. Some tracks include the University of Illinois College of Medicine, UIC Law, and programs in UIC's business, engineering, and science colleges.

GPPA.UIC.EDU

BUSINESS SCHOLARS

UIC Business Scholars is a leadership development honors program. Working closely with faculty and business professionals, Business Scholars receive a solid foundation in business coupled with in-depth knowledge and technical skills to ensure they excel in the competitive world of international business.

TOP 4 PERCENT

UIC guarantees qualifying Illinois residents admission to the academic college of their choice if they are a first-year applicant in the top four percent of an accredited high school class of 25 or more students or if they have an unweighted 3.9 GPA or higher at schools that do not rank.

Key Admissions Dates

NOVEMBER 1

Early Action deadline

Guaranteed Professional Programs Admission (GPPA) deadline**

Honors College priority deadline

Priority scholarship date

DECEMBER 16

Early Action decision released by this date

FEBRUARY 1

Regular Decision deadline

MAY 1

Intent to Enroll deadline

AUGUST 25

Fall 2025 classes begin

^{*} Please note, in cases where a deadline falls on a weekend, we will extend the deadline to the immediately following Monday.

^{**} The GPPA deadline is a hard credentials deadline — the application must be complete, with all materials received.

TRANSFER ADMISSIONS

Who is considered a transfer student?

Has attended a college or university after graduating from high school or obtaining a GED.

TRANSFER APPLICATION DEADLINES*

Transfer applicants can apply through the UIC web application. Applications for admission are available in both the fall and spring semesters.

All undergraduate programs are available for fall enrollment, while a selection of majors are available for spring enrollment.

Spring deadline: October 15

Fall deadline: April 1

Nursing fall deadline: January 15

Pharmacy fall deadline: March 1

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Transfer applicants must meet these three core requirements to complete an application:

- Use the UIC web application
- Submit a \$60 nonrefundable application fee or application fee waiver
- Send official transcripts from each postsecondary institution the applicant has attended

INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS

Along with the requirements listed above, international transfer students much also submit the following:

- \$100 credit evaluation fee for international credits
- An English translation of the transcript(s) if original is not in English
- Evidence of English proficiency with a TOEFL, IELTS or PTE score or qualified waiver

FACTORS CONSIDERED

We place primary emphasis on a transfer applicant's academic history and coursework but consider all of the following:

Cumulative grade point average	Very Important
Program-specific course requirements	Very Important
Choice of major	Important
Total hours completed	Important
Application essay	Important

APPLICANTS WHO HAVE EARNED LESS THAN 24 CREDIT HOURS MUST ALSO INCLUDE:

· Official high school transcript

Transfer Tools

Online resources are available to advise and guide prospective transfer students at TRANSFER.UIC.EDU

TRANSFER GUIDES

Our program-specific transfer guides give an overview of the transfer requirements, including required classes and minimum and competitive grade point averages.

TRANSFEROLOGY

Transferology is a tool that shows you how classes from a particular institution will transfer to a UIC program.

Special Programs

HONORS COLLEGE

Transfer applicants may apply by indicating their interest during the regular application process. The strongest transfer applicants will have 24 credit hours completed, a 3.4 cumulative GPA and at least 4 remaining semesters of college.

TRANSFER GUARANTEE PROGRAMS

UIC and the U of I System maintains a partnerships between participating community colleges in Illinois to guarantee transfer admission to select majors.

UIC Transfer Admissions Guarantee (TAG) TAG.UIC.EDU

UI System Transfer Guarantee GO.UIC.EDU/UI-TRANSFER

Key Admissions Dates

OCTOBER 15

Spring 2025 application deadline

DECEMBER 1

Spring 2025 Intent to Enroll deadline

JANUARY 15

Fall 2025 - Nursing (BSN) application and materials deadline

MARCH 1

Fall 2025 - Pharmaceutical Sciences application and materials deadline

APRIL 1

Fall 2025 application deadline

JUNE 1

Fall 2025 Intent to Enroll deadline

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RATES AND RESOURCES

Financing College

The total billable expenses a student incurs varies depending on their residency status and whether they choose to live on campus. UIC students are not required to live on campus, though nearly half of first-year students do. The chart below details costs based on 2023–24 rates.

How much does UIC cost?

(2023 - 2024)

In-State Tuition and Fees **\$16,076**

Out-of-State Tuition and Fees

\$31,622

Books and Supplies	\$1,400
Housing and Food Expenses	\$14,400
Personal Expenses	\$4,500
Transportation	\$1,526

Total Estimated Cost of Attendance

(2023 - 2024)

Total In-State \$37,902

Out-of-State Tuition \$53,448

Note: These costs are estimates and may vary based on program selection or other factors. For more information, visit discover.uic.edu/#calculator

Counselor Website

ADMISSIONS.UIC.EDU/COUNSELORS

Counselors can visit the portal to view announcements from UIC, request a group visit, and check a student's application status, including missing requirements and decisions.

Merit-Based Scholarships

The undergraduate application for admission is used for most merit-based scholarships. In general, students will receive notification at point of admission, but some students may receive department specific awards later.

Need-Based Aid

To be considered for need-based aid, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Our priority date to apply for need-based aid is February 1. For more information, visit the Office of Student Financial Aid at FINANCIALAID.UIC.EDU



Free Tuition Program

New this year, UIC Aspire covers tuition and fees for eligible Illinois residents whose families earn less than \$75,000 a year, making Chicago's public research university even more accessible. This initiative ensures that students can pursue their academic goals without the financial burden of tuition costs. To learn more about the program and eligibility, visit FREE.UIC.EDU

Resources for Special Populations

UNDOCUMENTED

A resource guide with topics including how to qualify for Illinois resident tuition rates, apply for scholarships and find advocacy organizations is available at DREAM.UIC.EDU

VETERANS

Information on benefits, referrals, and veteran student life is available at

GO.UIC.EDU/STUDENTVETERAN

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The Disability Resource Center facilitates student access to all things on campus through consultation with faculty and campus departments and the provision of reasonable accommodations. Visit DRC.UIC.EDU

INTERNATIONAL

Credits earned at foreign institutions must meet the core first-year requirements. Applicants must share evidence of English competency and financial certifications. For all international admission requirements, visit ADMISSIONS. UIC.EDU/INTERNATIONAL

LGBTQIA+

The Gender and Sexuality Center creates a more inclusive campus and promotes positive social change through programs, initiatives, events, and workshops. Visit GSC.UIC.EDU

SUCCESS AND BELONGING

This office offers a network of support that enhances academic success, retention, and a sense of belonging, while empowering students to achieve personal growth, reach their educational objectives, and complete their degrees on time. Visit OSSB.UIC.EDU



STAY INFORMED

Events and Resources

PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND APPLICANTS

We have two main visit gateways — DISCOVER.UIC.EDU for prospective students and BOUND.UIC.EDU for admitted students. At both sites, visitors can chat with admissions counselors, sign up for in person and online events, schedule appointments, or browse on-demand presentations.

Join us for our premier event — Head to **OPENHOUSE.UIC.EDU** to register for UIC's premier campus visit program, where guests can design their own day from over 50 options. Join us on **Saturday, September 21**.

Upcoming Events

FIRST-YEAR, TRANSFER, AND COUNSELORS

2024

SEPTEMBER 21

Open House

SEPTEMBER 27

Fall Advisor and Counselor Conference

OCTOBER 14

UIC Preview

OCTOBER 15

Virtual Financial Aid Night

NOVEMBER 12

Virtual Financial Aid Night

NOVEMBER 16

UIC Preview

2025

JANUARY 25

Firestarter - Admitted Student Welcome

FEBRUARY 21

Virtual UIC Transfer Day

MARCH 22

Black New Student Welcome

MARCH 25

UIC Preview

MARCH 29

UIC Flames Financial Aid Symposium

APRIL 1

UIC Preview

APRIL 5

LARES Family Day

APRIL 8

Virtual Financial Aid Night

APRIL 22

Virtual Financial Aid Night

APRIL 26

IGNITE - Admitted Student Welcome

MAY 3

UIC Preview

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Applied Health Sciences

ahs.uic.edu

Biomedical Visualization ©

Disability and Human Development @ 3

Food Science

Health Information Management (3) (3) ONLINE

Kinesiology 00

Life Science Visualization

Nutrition 10 13

Nutrition Science

Occupational Therapy ©

Physical Therapy ©

Rehabilitation Sciences ®

Architecture, Design, and the Arts

cada.uic.edu

SCHOOL ARCHITECTURE

Architectural Studies @ 6

Architecture ⁽³⁾

SCHOOL OF ART AND ART HISTORY

Art 💵 😉

Studio Arts

Photography Moving Image

New Media Arts

Art Education ⁶

Art History @ 6

Interdisciplinary Education in the Arts (3)

Museum and Exhibition Studies

SCHOOL OF DESIGN

Computer Science + Design ®

Design Studies 6

Graphic Design ³

Industrial Design (3)

SCHOOL OF THEATRE AND MUSIC

Acting ³

Music **0**8

Music Education 6

Music-Business 6

Music-Jazz Studies ®

Music-Performance ^B

Theatre

Theatre and Performance ³

Theatre Design, Production, and Technology ³

Business Administration

business.uic.edu

Accounting **BG**

Business Administration 00 B ONLINE

Business Analytics

Entrepreneurship 08

Financial Planning

Human Resource Management 00

Information and Decision Sciences

Business Analytics

Management Information Systems

Supply Chain and Operations Management

International Business 0

Management (3)

Leadership and Managerial Competencies

Managerial Logistics Management Consulting

Management Information Systems @@

Leadership

Marketing ®

Innovation and Design Thinking

Data-Driven Marketing

Digital Marketing and Promotions

Sales Leadership

Retail and Services Marketing

Real Estate @ @

Supply Chain and Operations Management

Dentistry

dentistry.uic.edu

Dental Medicine ©

Education

education.uic.edu

Early Childhood Education @

Education **①**

Educational Studies @

Human Development and Learning ³

Instructional Design and Training

Language, Literacies, and Learning @

Measurement, Evaluation, Statistics, and

Assessment @

Science Education ©

Special Education @

Urban Education (Elementary) (3)

Engineering

engineering.uic.edu

Biomedical Engineering **0 B G**

Chemical Engineering 066

Biochemical Engineering

Energy and Environment

Entrepreneurship

Nanotechnology

Polymers and Molecular Engineering

Process Automation

Civil Engineering **0**6

Computer Engineering 08

Computer Science 066

Computer Systems

Human Centered Computing

Software Engineering

Data Science 😉

Bioinformatics

Business Analytics Computer Science Data Processing Science and Engineering

Health Data Science Industrial Engineering

Social Technology Studies

Statistics

Urban Planning and Policy Administration

Electrical and Computer Engineering ©

Electrical Engineering 08

Engineering Management ⁸

Engineering Physics ®

Environmental Engineering 00

International Studies

Materials Engineering **0 6**

Graduate College

grad.uic.edu

Honors College

honors.uic.edu

Law

law.uic.edu

General Practice ©

Liberal Arts and Sciences

las.uic.edu

Anthropology 00

Arabic **①**

Biochemistry (3)

Biological Sciences @ 8

General Biology

Molecular, Cellular and Organismal Biology Evolution, Ecology, and Environmental Biology

Black Studies **0 3**

Central and Eastern European Studies

Chemistry 00

Chinese **①**

Communication 0 6

Comparative Cultural Studies

Criminology, Law, and Justice 0 8

Earth and Environmental Sciences 10 13

Economics **0 6**

English **0 8**

Literatures in English

Creative Writing (Fiction, Poetry, or Nonfiction)

Film, Media, Performance, and Pop Culture

Professional Writing and Publishing Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Multiethnic English

Studies

Rhetoric, Public Engagement, and Language

Studies

French and Francophone Studies **0 6**

Gender and Women's Studies @ 3

Germanic Studies with Business Minor

Germanic Studies **0 6** Global Asian Studies **0 6**

History **0**8

Integrated Health Studies (3)

Behavioral Health

Health and Science

International Studies

Italian and Italian American Studies

Latin American and Latino Studies **0 5** Law and Society **0**

Linguistics 0

Logic, Argumentation, and Writing

Mathematics and Computer Science 00

Mathematics 00

Algorithms and Theory
Computational Mathematics

Moving Image Arts

Neuroscience B

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Philosophy 10 13

Physics **0** B

Polish, Russian, and Central and Eastern

European Studies 6

Polish Studies

Russian Studies

Central and European Studies

Polish Studies 0

Political Science 00

Law and Courts

Urban Politics

Professional Writing 0

Psychology 08

Applied

General

Religious Studies 0

Russian Studies

Social Justice 0

Sociology 00

Spanish @ B

Hispanic Linguistics

Hispanic Literatures and Cultural Studies

Hispanic Studies

Spanish for the Professions 0

Statistics ³

Applied Statistics

Statistical Theory and Methods

Liberal Arts and Sciences

SECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Teaching of English 00

Teaching of French

Teaching of German 6

Teaching of History ®

Teaching of Mathematics (3)

Teaching of Spanish ®

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Medicine

medicine.uic.edu

Medicine ©

Nursing

nursing.uic.edu

Nursing 66 | 60 ONLINE

Pharmacy

pharmacy.uic.edu

Pharmaceutical Sciences ®

Pharmacy @

Public Health

publichealth.uic.edu

Public Health **0**6

Jane Addams College of Social Work

socialwork.uic.edu

Urban Planning and Public Affairs

cuppa.uic.edu

Civic Analytics 0

Geographic Information Systems

Nonprofit Management

Public Administration ©

Public Policy 108

Sustainable Cities

Urban Planning and Policy ©

Urban Studies @ 6

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Pre-professional Programs

las.uic.edu

Pre-Professional programs at UIC supplement your major. They outline courses needed for master's and doctoral program admission. No specific major is required. The College of Liberal Arts & Sciences offers the following programs:

Pre-Dentistry

Pre-Health Information Management

Pre-Law

Pre-Medicine

Pre-Nursing

Pre-Nutrition

Pre-Occupational Therapy

Pre-Pharmacy

Pre-Physical Therapy

Pre-Public Health

Pre-Veterinary Medicine

Honors College

honors.uic.edu

UIC's Honors College offers an enriching academic experience, personalized advising, research opportunities, and a supportive community, preparing students for leadership and success in their careers.

Transfer Partnership Programs

tag.uic.edu | go.uic.edu/ui-transfer

UIC and the University of Illinois system maintain partnerships between participating community colleges in Illinois to guarantee transfer admission to select majors.

Joint Programs

catalog.uic.edu

Joint programs let students earn two degrees with shared course hours, reducing the total time compared to pursuing each degree separately.

BS/MS in Chemical Engineering

BS/MS in Computer Science

BA in Public Policy/MPA

BA in Public Policy/MPP

BA in Public Policy/MUPP

BA in Public Policy/MSCA

BS or BA in Public Health/MPH

Graduate Entry for Nursing

nursing.uic.edu

This graduate-entry program is for non-nurses with a bachelor's degree in another field who want to enter the nursing profession at an advanced level.

Guaranteed Professional Program Admissions (GPPA)

gppa.uic.edu

GPPA secures high achieving first-year students placement in one of over 30 graduate and professional programs. Some programs require enrollment in the Honors College.

APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

MS in Biomedical Visualization

MS in Kinesiology

MS in Nutrition

BS in Health Information

Doctor of Occupational Therapy

Doctor of Physical Therapy

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

MS in Accounting

MS in Business Analytics

MS in Management Information Systems

DENTISTRY

Doctor of Dental Medicine^{1,2}

EDUCATION

Master of Education

Early Childhood

Educational Studies

Language Literacies and Learners

Measure, Evaluation, Statistics and Assessment

Science Education

Special Education

ENGINEERINGMS in Engineering

Biomedical Engineering

Chemical Engineering

Civil Engineering

Computer Science

Electrical and Computer Engineering

Industrial Engineering

Materials Engineering

Mechanical Engineering

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LAW Juris Doctor

MEDICINE

Doctor of Medicine^{1,2}

NURSING

BS in Nursing¹

PHARMACY

Doctor of Pharmacy¹

PUBLIC HEALTH Master of Public Health

URBAN PLANNING AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Masters in Public Administration
Masters in Urban Planning and Policy

Masters in Civic Analytics

Masters in Public Policy



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VISIT OUR COUNSELOR PORTAL

Head to the **Counselor Resource Page** to view opportunities to visit through several types of educational programs, including our annual counselor lunch.

The page is also where counselors can request access and view the UIC Application Status portal and request in-person or virtual group visits

Visit GO.UIC.EDU/COUNSELORS for more information.

