

SUPPORT

Admissions Guide for School Counselors



2026 - 2027



UNIVERSITY OF
ILLINOIS CHICAGO



TRANSFORM

Making good on the promise to transform education.

At UIC, innovation is happening across campus — from new programs in data and computing to major investments in our free tuition program, learning spaces, and student experience.

As Chicago's public research university, UIC continues to evolve alongside the city it serves: ambitious, diverse, future-focused, and always moving forward.

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IMPORTANT UPDATES

Counselors play an important role in helping students find the right college fit. This guide brings together admission requirements, academic and financial aid information, and highlights of what makes UIC unique so you have the resources to support students considering UIC.





Free Your Mind with UIC Aspire

UIC'S FREE TUITION PROGRAM

Now entering its third year, UIC is continuing this initiative for Fall 2027. UIC Aspire is 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 cost. For more information and eligibility, visit **FREE.UIC.EDU**.

Igniting Innovation

DESIGNED FOR COLLABORATION

UIC continues to invest in students' learning experiences through both new construction and major renovations. Taft Hall, one of the university's original general education classroom buildings, is being transformed with technology-enabled classrooms and collaborative spaces designed for active learning.

At the same time, the new Computer Design, Research and Learning Center brings computer science, data science, engineering, and research together in a state-of-the-art facility supporting UIC's fastest-growing academic areas.

AN EMERGING ARTS DISTRICT

Driven by growing enrollment and new interdisciplinary programs, Jefferson and Henry Halls are also being remodeled with updated studios, classrooms, and collaborative spaces. Together, the renovations help establish a more connected arts corridor for UIC's artists, designers, performers, and creatives.

Application Updates

AMENDED TEST OPTIONAL POLICY

Submission of SAT or ACT scores is optional and not required as part of a complete application for admission to UIC. Applications will be considered complete with or without test scores, and if submitted, will only be considered when they positively contribute to a student's application.

Applicants who wish to have ACT or SAT scores considered in their review are encouraged to submit their scores as early as possible in the application process to ensure they are available for review.

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**.

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 who apply by the November 1 EA deadline will receive a decision or deferral to the regular admissions process by December 15 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 January to March. The timing of the decision depends on the program or college the student applies to and the overall strength of the application.

* Note: Deadlines that fall on weekends extend to the next business day.

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 \$70 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 College as 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 Admissions (GPPA) deadline**
- Honors College priority deadline
- Priority scholarship date
- **DECEMBER 15**
Early Action decision released by this date
- **FEBRUARY 1**
Regular Decision deadline
- **MAY 1**
Intent to Enroll deadline
- **AUGUST 23**
Fall 2027 classes begin

* Note: Deadlines that fall on weekends extend to the next business day.

** 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

* Note: Deadlines that fall on weekends extend to the next business day.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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

- Use the UIC web application
- Submit a \$70 nonrefundable application fee or application fee waiver
- Send official transcripts from each post-secondary institution the applicant has attended

INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS

Along with the requirements listed above, international transfer students must 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 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 maintain 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 application deadline
- **DECEMBER 1**
Spring Intent to Enroll deadline
- **DECEMBER 15**
Fall application opens
- **JANUARY 15**
Fall - Nursing (BSN) application and materials deadline
- **APRIL 1**
Fall application deadline
- **JUNE 1**
Fall Intent to Enroll deadline

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RATES AND RESOURCES

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 2025–2026 rates.

The UIC logo is a large, red, circular sign with the letters "UIC" in white, mounted on the side of a modern building. In the background, a city skyline with various skyscrapers is visible under a clear blue sky.

How much does UIC cost?

In-State Students

Tuition and Fees	\$16,504
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Estimated Variable Expenses:

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

Estimated Cost of Attendance

Total In-State Students	\$39,930
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Out-of-State Students

Tuition and Fees	\$33,204
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Estimated Variable Expenses:

Books and Supplies	\$1,400
Housing and Food Expenses	\$14,400
Personal Expenses	\$4,500
Transportation	\$3,626

Estimated Cost of Attendance

Total Out-of-State Students	\$57,730
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Tuition and Fees are direct costs that are billed by the university. Some programs have additional tuition differentials. They're based on the 2025-26 academic year, and are typically updated in January.

Estimated Costs are estimates and used to determine financial aid and for planning purposes. Housing and food expenses are only billed if students choose to live in on-campus housing.

Counselor Website

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. Visit **ADMISSIONS.UIC.EDU/COUNSELORS**

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. First year students should apply in the Early Action period to receive priority consideration.

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 March 15. For more information, visit the Office of Student Financial Aid at **FINANCIALAID.UIC.EDU**



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Other Resources for Students

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 contact 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 **SPARKFEST.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 19**.

Upcoming Events

FIRST-YEAR, TRANSFER, AND COUNSELORS

2026

- **SparkFest**
September 19
- **Fall Advisor and Counselor Conference**
September 25
- **UIC Preview**
October 12
- **Virtual Financial Aid Night**
October 13
- **UIC Preview**
November 11
- **Virtual Financial Aid Night**
November 17
- **UIC Flames Financial Aid Symposium**
March 20
- **UIC Preview**
March 23
- **Flames Placement Assessment Day**
March 24
- **UIC Preview**
March 30
- **Flames Placement Assessment Day**
March 31
- **LARES Family Day**
April 3

2027

- **Firestarter - Admitted Student Welcome**
January 30
- **Virtual UIC Transfer Day**
February 12
- **UIC Preview**
February 15
- **Black New Student Welcome**
March 13
- **Virtual Financial Aid Night**
April 6
- **Ignite - Admitted Student Welcome**
April 17
- **Virtual Financial Aid Night**
April 27
- **UIC Preview**
May 1

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Applied Health Sciences

ahs.uic.edu

Biomedical Visualization 
Disability and Human Development 
Food Science 
Health and Rehabilitation Sciences 
Health Information Management  **ONLINE**
Kinesiology 
Life Science Visualization 
Nutrition 
Nutrition Science
Occupational Therapy 
Physical Therapy 

Architecture, Design, and the Arts

cada.uic.edu

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

Architectural Studies 
Architecture 

SCHOOL OF ART

Art 
Studio Arts
Photography
Moving Image
New Media Arts
Art Education 
Interdisciplinary Education in the Arts 

DEPARTMENT OF ART HISTORY AND MUSEUM AND EXHIBITION STUDIES

Art History 
Museum and Exhibition Studies 

SCHOOL OF DESIGN

Computer Science + Design 
Design Studies 
Graphic Design 
Industrial Design 

SCHOOL OF THEATRE AND MUSIC

Acting 
Music 
Music—Business 
Music—Education 
Music—Jazz Studies 
Music—Performance 
Theatre 
Theatre and Performance 
Theatre Design, Production, and Technology 

Business Administration

business.uic.edu

Accounting 
Business Administration  **ONLINE**
Business Analytics 
Entrepreneurship 
Finance 
Corporate Finance
Financial Planning
Investments and Capital Markets
Human Resource Management 
Information and Decision Sciences 
Business Analytics
Management Information Systems
Supply Chain and Operations Management

International Business 
Leadership 
Management 
Leadership and Managerial Competencies
Management Consulting
Managerial Logistics
Management Information Systems 
Marketing 
Data-Driven Marketing
Digital Marketing and Promotions
Innovation and Design Thinking
Retail and Services Marketing
Sales Leadership
Professional Sales 
Real Estate 
Sports Management 
Supply Chain and Operations Management 
Sustainable Business 

Dentistry

dentistry.uic.edu

Dental Medicine 

Education

education.uic.edu
Early Childhood Education 
Education 
Educational Studies 
Human Development and Learning 
Inclusive and Special Education 
Instructional Design and Training 
Language, Literacies, and Learning 
Measurement, Evaluation, Statistics, and Assessment 
Science Education 
Special Education 
Urban Education (Elementary) 

Engineering

engineering.uic.edu
Biomedical Engineering 
Chemical Engineering 
Biochemical Engineering
Energy and Environment
Entrepreneurship
Nanotechnology
Polymers and Molecular Engineering
Process Automation
Civil Engineering 
Computer Engineering 
Computer Science 
Computer Systems
Human-Centered Computing
Software Engineering
Computer Science + Design 
Data Science 
Applied Economic Analysis
Bioinformatics
Business Analytics
Computer Science
Data Processing Science and Engineering
Health Data Science
Industrial Engineering
Social Technology Studies
Statistics
Urban Planning and Public Affairs
Electrical and Computer Engineering 

Electrical Engineering 
Engineering Management 
Engineering Physics 
Environmental Engineering 
Industrial Engineering 
Materials Engineering 
Mechanical Engineering 

Graduate College

grad.uic.edu

Honors College

honors.uic.edu

Law

law.uic.edu

Law 

Liberal Arts and Sciences

las.uic.edu

Anthropology 
Arabic 
Biochemistry 
Biological Physics 
Biological Sciences 
Evolution, Ecology, and Environmental Biology
General Biology
Molecular, Cellular, and Organismal Biology
Black Studies 
Central and Eastern European Studies 
Central and European Studies
Polish Studies
Russian Studies
Chemistry 
Chinese 
Classical Studies 
Communication 
Comparative Cultural Studies 
Computer Science and Economics 
Computer Science and Linguistics 
Computer Science and Philosophy 
Criminology, Law, and Justice 
Earth and Environmental Sciences 
Economics 
English 
Creative Writing (Fiction, Poetry, or Nonfiction)
Film, Media, Performance, and Pop Culture
Literatures in English
Professional Writing and Publishing
Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Multiethnic English Studies
Rhetoric, Public Engagement, and Language Studies
French and Francophone Studies 
Gender and Women's Studies 
Germanic Studies 
Global Asian Studies 
Global Middle East Studies 
History 
Integrated Health Studies 
Behavioral Health
Health and Science
International Politics 
International Studies 
Italian and Italian American Studies 

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Latin American and Latino Studies [U](#) [B](#)

Law and Society [U](#)

Liberal Studies [B](#)

Linguistics [U](#)

Logic, Argumentation, and Writing [U](#)

Mathematics [U](#) [B](#)

Mathematics and Computer Science [U](#) [B](#)

Algorithms and Theory

Computational Mathematics

Moving Image Arts [U](#)

Neuroscience [B](#)

Philosophy [U](#) [B](#)

Physics [U](#) [B](#)

Polish Studies [U](#)

Political Science [U](#) [B](#)

International Politics

Law and Courts

Urban Politics

Professional Writing [U](#)

Psychology—Applied [B](#)

Psychology—General [U](#) [B](#)

Religious Studies [U](#)

Russian Studies [U](#)

Social Justice [U](#)

Sociology [U](#) [B](#)

Data and Analytics

Health and Medicine

Professions, Occupations, and Work

Sociology for Social Work

Spanish [U](#) [B](#)

Spanish for the Professions

Spanish for the Professions [U](#)

Statistics [B](#)

Applied Statistics

Statistical Theory and Methods

Liberal Arts and Sciences

SECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Teaching of English [U](#) [B](#)

Teaching of French [B](#)

Teaching of German [B](#)

Teaching of History [B](#)

Teaching of Mathematics [B](#)

Teaching of Spanish [B](#)

Medicine

medicine.uic.edu

Medicine [C](#)

Nursing

nursing.uic.edu

Nursing [B](#) [C](#) | [B](#) [ONLINE](#)

Pharmacy

pharmacy.uic.edu

Pharmaceutical Sciences [B](#)

Pharmacy [C](#)

Public Health

publichealth.uic.edu

Public Health [U](#) [B](#) [C](#)

Public Health Practice [B](#)

Public Health Sciences [B](#)

Jane Addams College of Social Work

socialwork.uic.edu

Urban Planning and Public Affairs

cuppa.uic.edu

Civic Analytics [U](#) [C](#)

Geographic Information Systems [U](#)

Nonprofit Management [U](#)

Public Administration [C](#)

Public Policy [U](#) [B](#)

Research Design and Data Analysis [U](#)

Sustainable Cities [U](#)

Urban Planning and Policy [C](#)

Urban Studies [U](#) [B](#)

Program Updates

Program offerings are subject to change.

All listed programs are offered in Chicago or online. Select programs may also be offered at UIC's satellite health science campuses in Rockford, Springfield, Peoria, Quad Cities and Urbana.

Please visit us online for the most up-to-date information.

catalog.uic.edu

Undergraduate Programs

majors.uic.edu

Graduate Programs

grad.uic.edu

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Pre-professional Programs

las.uic.edu

UIC's pre-professional tracks complement your major and help you prepare for admission to master's and doctoral programs. Each one outlines recommended courses to guide your academic path—no specific major required.

PROGRAMS OFFERED

Pre-Dentistry

Pre-Health Information Management

Pre-Law

Pre-Medicine (M.D./D.O. and podiatric medicine)

Pre-Nursing

Pre-Nutrition/Registered Dietician

Pre-Occupational Therapy

Pre-Optometry

Pre-Pharmacy

Pre-Physical Therapy

Pre-Physician Assistant

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

go.uic.edu/programs

Joint programs offer an accelerated pathway for students to earn their undergraduate and graduate degrees concurrently. By sharing course credits between both programs, students reduce their total time in school while choosing from a variety of available program pairings.

Graduate Entry for Nursing

nursing.uic.edu

This 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 Management

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 Education

Educational Studies

Language, Literacies, and Learning

Measure, Evaluation, Statistics, and Assessment

Science Education

Special Education

ENGINEERING

MS in Engineering

Biomedical Engineering

Chemical Engineering

Civil Engineering

Computer Science

Electrical and Computer Engineering

Industrial Engineering

Materials Engineering

Mechanical Engineering

LAW

Juris Doctor

MEDICINE

Doctor of Medicine^{1,2}

PHARMACY

Doctor of Pharmacy¹

PUBLIC HEALTH

Master of Public Health

URBAN PLANNING AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Masters in Civic Analytics

Masters in Public Administration

Masters in Public Policy

Masters in Urban Planning and Policy



go.uic.edu/counselors
discover.uic.edu
bound.uic.edu

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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](https://go.uic.edu/counselors)** for more information.



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