

FEDERAL COMPLIANCE

Illinois Central College recognizes and accepts the requirements placed on institutions of higher education by the United States Department of Education. The data presented demonstrate the College's compliance with those federal requirements.

Credits, Program Length, and Tuition

Illinois Central College confers degrees and certificates as authorized by the Illinois Community College Board. The College confers the Associate in Arts and Science Degree, Associate in Applied Science Degree, Associate in Engineering Degree, the Associate in General Education Degree and certificates, as listed on pages 2, 24, 72, and 134 in the 2002-2003 *College Catalog*. The College provides semester hour credit for its transcribed courses. There are no "program specific" tuition differences, and the amount per credit hour is constant. The length of the College's programs is commensurate with that of other institutions; the Illinois Community College Board has established parameters for lengths of the degrees the College offers. No similar parameters for certificates exist; the College's certificate programs are of similar length to certificates elsewhere. Further discussion can be found in the Academic/Instructional Program chapter and General Institutional Requirement #15.

Institutional Compliance with Higher Education Reauthorization Act

Illinois Central College maintains full compliance with the Title IV requirements of the Higher Education Reauthorization Act as amended in 1992. Data from the Financial Aid Office indicate the official default rates below:

1990 – 19.8%	1995 – 14.5%
1991 – 16.5%	1996 – 12.8%
1992 – 14.7%	1997 – 12.8%
1993 – 12.7%	1998 – 10.6%
1994 – 15.4%	1999 – 7.9%

Because the College maintains a default rate of below 20%, there is no requirement to implement any specific default measures. Each year the College's external auditor provides a complete audit of Title IV programs. As noted earlier, the latest auditors' reports are on file in the Resource Room.

Institution's Advertising and Recruitment Materials

The information included in the College's advertising and recruiting materials is fair and accurate. Further discussion may be found in the Integrity chapter. Recently, the College realized that the Commission's address and phone number should accompany references to the Commission in College publications. Steps are being taken to correct this situation.

Professional Accreditation

Although many of the specific occupational degree programs offered by Illinois Central College are accredited by the related professional organization, the College does not hold dual institutional accreditation, nor does another single agency maintain accrediting authority over one-third or more of the College's offerings or students.

Specific information regarding the status of program accreditation is discussed in the Instructional Programs chapter, and records are kept in the individual departments and in the office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Public Disclosure

The College provides information concerning College decisions and actions by news releases and open invitations to all media to attend Board Meetings. The President has a meeting the day following the Board Meeting to conduct a discussion on items considered by the Board. Employees of the College, students, and community members are invited to attend.

Crime statistics are reported to the public through the school newspaper the *Harbinger*, and in a Public Safety brochure. In addition, the crime statistics are listed on the College's web site.

Third Party Notice

A public notice was placed in local newspapers and mailed in letter form to those listed in the chart below.

Third Party Comment ICC Constituencies Receiving Public Notice	Public Notice via U.S. Mail	News Release in District Newspapers	ICC Web Page	<i>Harbinger</i> *	Bulletin Boards
K-12 School Districts	X	X	X		
2-4 Year Colleges	X	X	X		
District Taxpayers		X	X		X
ICC Students		X	X	X	X
Business & Professional Organizations	X	X	X		
Business & Industry	X	X	X		
Legislators	X	X	X		
Chambers of Commerce	X	X	X		
Social Service Agencies	X	X	X		
Government Units/Agencies	X	X	X		

*Student Newspaper

PUBLIC NOTICE ICC Invites Comments

Illinois Central College (ICC) is seeking comments from the public about the College in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. The College will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit April 15-17, 2002, by a team representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. ICC has been accredited by the Commission since March 1971. The team will review the institution's ongoing ability to meet the Commission's Criteria for Accreditation and General Institutional Requirements.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the College.

Public Comment on Illinois Central College
Higher Learning Commission
North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400
Chicago, IL 60602

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must be in writing and signed; comments cannot be treated as confidential.

All comments must be received by March 15, 2002.

