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Transportation Guide

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Welcome



Welcome to NACURH 2025: Leadership Through the Looking Glass. Come! Join us down the rabbit hole, take out your pocket watch and discover how this guide will help you navigate our transportation process.

As you make preparations for your NACURH journey, our conference team has tried to compile as many resources for your planning process as possible! We hope that you are able to utilize the information available in this guide, in addition to the information shared on our social media, to make a transportation plan that best suits the needs of your delegation. Please note that any times mentioned within this guide are based on the central standard time (CST) zone.

If at any point you have questions, are unsure of something, or have changes to your plan, please reach out to our security and transportation chair, Jocelyn Williams, and advisor, Taylor Barnard, at conf_transportation@nacurh.org and we will try to assist you as best as we can!

Happy traveling!

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Traveling by Air



We encourage conference attendees to use either the Central Illinois Regional Airport (BMI) in Bloomington, Illinois, or O'Hare International Airport (ORD) in Chicago, Illinois for travel to and from Illinois State University. Both airports offer convenient access to the campus, and transportation options will be provided to and from both locations to ensure a smooth arrival and departure for delegates. While BMI is closer to the university, ORD is a viable option for those flying in from other regions, and we are happy to accommodate attendees arriving at either airport.

Central Illinois Regional Airport (BMI)

- Bloomington Airport accommodates a variety of planes and offers a shorter travel time from the airport to our campus.
 - Departure city options are more limited and may include layovers.
- While flights from Bloomington tend to be affordable, eligibility for this airport may depend on your location.
- If you're able to fly into Bloomington, you'll enjoy a quick 15-minute ride to campus compared to those who choose other airports.
 - If you plan to utilize this airport, there will be a free 12-passenger van available to shuttle you to and from ISU's campus.



Traveling by Air



O'Hare International Airport (ORD)

O'Hare International Airport is a significant hub offering numerous flight options from cities worldwide, making it a convenient choice for many travelers. While it's a larger airport and may involve a longer travel time from the airport to campus than smaller regional airports, the abundance of flight choices and frequent departures can make it an ideal option for those traveling farther distances. Flights from O'Hare typically offer more flexibility in terms of schedules.

- If you choose to fly into O'Hare, an optional shuttle service (for an additional non-refundable fee) will be available to transport you directly to Illinois State University's campus. See page 9 for more information.
 - Disclaimer: the shuttle is round-trip only.
- Additionally, we encourage travelers to consider taking the CTA (Chicago Transit Authority) Blue Line for a more economical travel option. You can easily catch the Blue Line at O'Hare, which offers a direct route into the city and after a short 2-block walk, connects to Union Station. From there, Amtrak offers a comfortable and efficient train ride to Bloomington-Normal.

Traveling by Air



While we highlighted two main airports based on our shuttle plan, we also wanted to provide information about other airports in the vicinity. We listed them below from shortest to longest distance from our campus.

General Wayne A. Downing Peoria International Airport (PIA)

Roughly a 40 minute drive from Illinois State University's campus.

Quad Cities International Airport (MLI)

Roughly a 1 hour and 50 minute drive from Illinois State University's campus.

Chicago Midway International Airport (MDW)

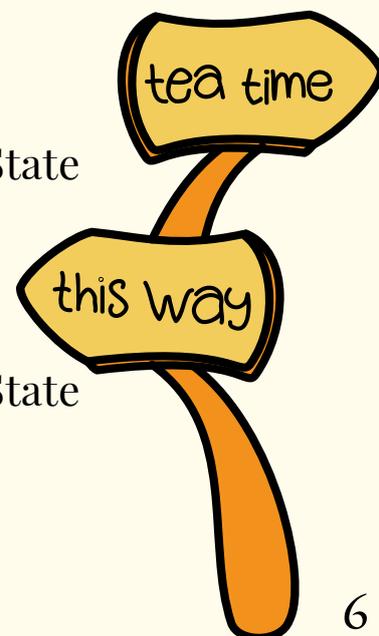
Roughly a 1 hour and 56 minute drive from Illinois State University's campus.

St. Louis Lambert International Airport (STL)

Roughly a 2 hour and 37 minute drive from Illinois State University's campus.

Indianapolis International Airport (IND)

Roughly a 2 hour and 37 minute drive from Illinois State University's campus.



Real ID

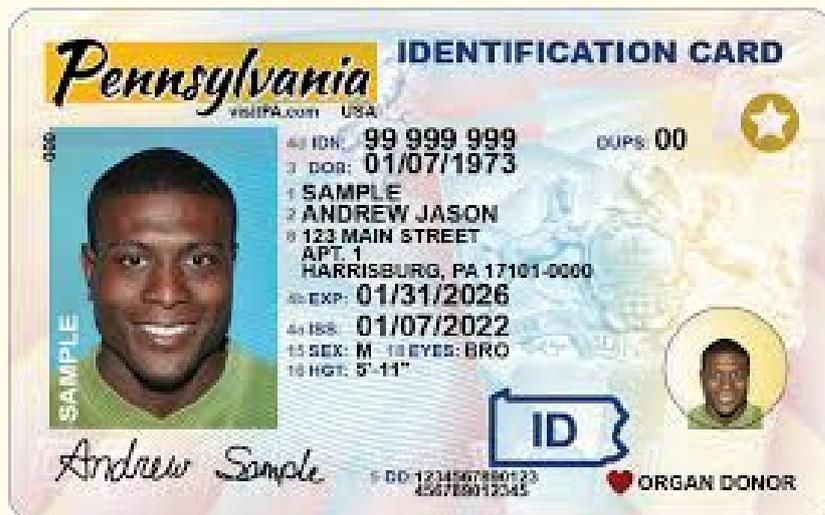


On May 7, 2025, U.S. travelers must be REAL ID compliant to board domestic flights and access certain federal facilities. If you do plan to fly, please ensure your entire delegation has their Real ID or a valid U.S. passport in order to board the flight. Knowing that DMVs historically take time to process requests, please plan ahead and ensure you give your group enough time to get their paperwork processed and the physical version of the ID before your flights.

More information can be found at the [Department of Homeland Security's website](#).



REAL ID EXMAPLES



Airport Car Rentals



If you plan to fly but do not want to take the optional shuttle, Amtrak, or a rideshare, you should consider renting a car from the airport. These are the available car rental companies at some of the international airports within a three-hour radius of Illinois State University's campus:



O'Hare International Airport (Chicago, Illinois):

- Alamo - (844) 354-6962
- Avis - (773) 825-4600
- Budget - (800) 218-7992
- Dollar - (800) 800-4000
- Enterprise - (855) 266-9289
- Fox - (323) 593-7485
- Hertz - (800) 654-3131
- National - (800) 367-6767
- Payless - (800) 729-5377
- Sixt - (888) 749-8227
- Thrifty - (800) 847-4389

Indianapolis International Airport (Indianapolis, Indiana):

- Alamo - (800) 327-9633
- Avis - (800) 230-4898
- Budget - (800) 527-0700
- Dollar Car Rental - (800) 800-3665
- Enterprise - (800) 736-8222
- Hertz - (800) 654-3131
- National - (800) 227-7368
- Sixt Rent A Car - (888) 749-8227
- Thrifty Car Rental - (800) 847-4389

Chicago Midway International Airport (Chicago, Illinois):

- Alamo - (800) 327-9633
- Avis - (800) 331-1212
- Budget - (800) 527-7000
- Dollar - (800) 800-4000
- Enterprise - (800) 566-9249
- Hertz - (800) 654-3131
- National - (800) 227-7368
- Corporate Rent A Car - (331) 208-5100

St. Louis Lambert International Airport (St. Louis, Missouri) -

- Alamo - (800) 462-5266
- Avis - (800) 831-2847
- Budget - (800) 527-0700
- Dollar - (800) 800-5252
- Enterprise - (800) 325-8007
- National - (800) 227-7368
- Payless - (800) 729-5377
- Thrifty - (800) 367-2277

- note that all of these are off-airport facilities, but free shuttle service via the airport is provided by all rental companies

Shuttles



Shuttles will only be running on Thursday, May 22, 2025 and Sunday, May 25, 2025. Shuttles will be round trip only. There will be no shuttle service for anyone arriving early to NACURH. If you choose to fly and will be arriving early, you will have to find your own travel to and from the airport. If you will be flying into O'Hare airport after our last posted shuttle departure time, you will have to find your own travel from the airport to campus.

We are working to build our shuttle schedule around expected flight arrival times to ensure our shuttles are as full as possible in order to make our add-on transportation fee as low as possible.

O'Hare Shuttle Information

Earliest shuttle will leave O'Hare on Thursday, May 22 at 10 a.m. and the latest will be 3 p.m.

Earliest shuttle on Sunday, May 25 will be 4:30 a.m. and the latest will be 11 a.m.



Central Illinois Regional Airport (BMI)

The shuttle to and from Illinois State University's campus and the Central Illinois Regional Airport will be a 12-person van that is driven by an Illinois State University professional staff member who has completed specialty driver training for use of the van. The shuttle for this airport will not have a set schedule but will be based on the expected arrival and departure times of the delegations that choose to utilize this airport. This transportation method is free.

Earliest pick-up time will be Thursday, May 22 at 10 a.m. and the latest will be 6 p.m.

Earliest drop-off time will be Sunday, May 25 at 5:30 a.m. and the latest will be 1 p.m.

Trains



We encourage conference attendees to consider using Amtrak for their travel to and from Illinois State University. Amtrak is a convenient and comfortable option for those traveling from both nearby and distant locations. With multiple routes connecting major cities, including Chicago, you can easily reach Bloomington-Normal's Amtrak station, which is just a seven minute walk from the university.

When taking the train from O'Hare Airport in Chicago, you need to use the CTA Blue Line or private transportation to get to Union Station and vice versa.

Navigating the Trains

Amtrak offers a variety of times and options for travel for people to use. We highlighted individual travel and group travel below.

- Individual Travel:
 - We recommend purchasing the flex tickets which are priced at a dollar more. This will allow some leeway if there are mistakes made or flights are delayed.
- Arrival: May 22nd, 2025 (information below was accurate as of 2/25/25 but may be subject to change based on Amtrak's schedule)



Train Number	Departure from CHI	Arrival in Normal
301	7:15am	9:13am
319	9:50am	11:56am
21	1:52pm	4:04pm
305	5:20pm	7:25pm
307	7:10pm	9:16pm

Trains



Navigating the Trains

- Departure: May 22nd, 2025 (information below was accurate as of 2/25/25 but may be subject to change based on Amtrak's schedule)

Train Number	Departure from Normal	Arrival In CHI
300	7:06am	9:25am
302	9:16am	11:40am
22	11:08am	1:44pm

- Group Travel:
 - Through Amtrak, passengers traveling together in groups of 15 or more may be eligible to receive a discount. We recommend talking to other delegations in your area to see if you have a group large enough to warrant Group Travel. It is suggested that you plan ahead and call Amtrak at 1-800-USA-1GRP (1-800-872-1477) for more information and to secure your tickets.



Vehicle Information

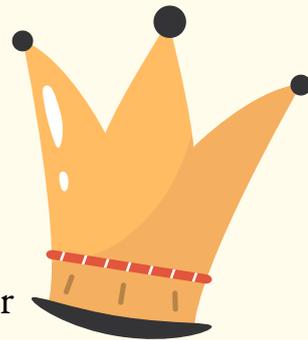


Driving

Driving to our campus is another convenient option, considering Bloomington-Normal has multiple highway interchanges, including I-39, I-55, and I-74. These highways have direct access to major cities like Chicago, Illinois; St. Louis, Missouri; and Indianapolis, Indiana.

Parking

For attendees who will be driving to Illinois State University's campus for NACURH, you will be able to park for **free** about a block away from where you will be staying in Hewett and Manchester Halls. Please note that the parking lot is paved but not covered and the largest vehicle size that can utilize the space is an 18 passenger mini-bus. While parking will be free, you will receive a parking placard upon checking into the conference which you must place on your rearview mirror. Failure to do so may result in a parking ticket that will be the responsibility of the delegation to pay, not the host institution.



For anyone with an accommodation, please specify in your registration so that the security and transportation chair can reach out to you to make reasonable parking accommodations.

Accommodations



We understand that getting around campus is pivotal for a smooth conference experience. If you need assistance with transportation around campus during your stay, we are happy to offer golf cart services. These carts will be available to help transport attendees between on-campus housing and designated conference venues. Simply let us know prior to the start of the conference, if you require assistance, and we'll work to ensure you have easy access to the necessary transportation in order to make your experience more convenient and comfortable.

Navigating Campus

- If you require accommodations around campus, your Advisor and/or NCC should have noted that when they filled out your Individual Delegate Registration Form.
 - If there have been any changes to the needs that were or were not identified within the registration form, please reach out to the Transportation team so we can make any relevant changes.



Meet the Team



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