

How to travel to the Holiday Inn and Suites - Downtown, to the J. Ira and Nicki Harris Family Hostel, or to the University of Illinois at Chicago.

FROM O'HARE AIRPORT

You may travel into the city by:

- Taxi (about \$35-40)
- Shared ride by Go Airport Express (\$31)
- Public transportation - Elevated train "el" (\$2.25)

BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT CTA (Chicago Transit Authority)

- From any of the domestic terminals (1, 2, or 3) baggage claim areas just follow the signs "**Trains to City - CTA**". The walk from there to the CTA station takes about 10 minutes.
- from the International terminal (5), you will need to take the Airport Transit System (ATS) first. Follow the signs "**Trains to City**" or "**Airport Transit System**" (ATS) and go to the ATS station. Take an automated train to **Terminal 3**, get off, take an escalator up, turn left, walk to the elevators in the parking building, take an elevator down to the "**CTA**" level, and follow the underpass to the CTA station. The entire trip takes about 15 minutes.

TO BUY A TICKET

At the O'Hare CTA station Customer Assistants will be available to help you.

you will find 3 kinds of machines to buy a "ticket".

You may purchase a **Transit Card** at a

- Transit Card Vending machine (cash only, no change given) or an
- Express Vending machine (credit card only).

The single trip fare is \$2.25. One **transit card** can be used by you for one or multiple trips (on rapid transit trains as well as buses) or can be shared by several persons. Just put in enough money for all the riders and/or for all trips you anticipate to make. (If you find later that you need more money on the card than originally anticipated, you can top it up at any CTA rapid transit station. Not on a bus)

If you plan to use the CTA trains or buses for more than two trips a day you may want to buy a **CTA 3-day (\$14) or 7-day pass** (\$23) for unlimited rides at a

- CTA Passes vending machine (cash or credit card).

Use the **Fare card** or **CTA Pass** to pass through the turnstiles to the boarding platform. Take any train; trains run every 7-10 minutes and less frequently very late at night. The Blue line operates at all times. So there is no last train to miss.

To go to the Holiday Inn Downtown

Take any train (Blue line) and travel to the CLINTON station. The travel time from O'Hare to Clinton is about 60 minutes.

At the CLINTON station, which is below ground, take escalator to the exit, turn to the right and take the **stairs** to the **EAST** side of **CLINTON** St. to street level. (You should be facing South, in the same direction as the vehicular traffic on the one-way street. If not, you took the wrong stairs. Do not despair. Just turn around.) The Holiday Inn can be seen half a block away ahead to your left (east).

To go to the University of Illinois from here see (**Getting around Chicago**).

To go to the University of Illinois (UIC) directly from the airport

Take a Blue Line train as above but continue past CLINTON to the next stop at UIC-HALSTED (You will be above ground now.). The travel time from O'Hare to here is about 62 minutes.

At the UIC-HALSTED station take the exit to HALSTED St. At street level turn right (The University will be half a block in front of you). Walk about 1 1/2 blocks (1 block past Harrison Street to the **UIC Student Center East** at 750 S. Halsted Street .

To go to the J. Ira and Nicki Harris Family Hostel

As above take any (Blue line) train and travel to the JACKSON station. The travel time from O'Hare to JACKSON is about 4 minutes. Trains run every 7-10 minutes and less frequently very late at night. The Blue line operates at all times. So there is no last train to miss.

At the JACKSON station take the exit toward Van Buren Street. On the street continue going south for 1 1/2 blocks to Congress Parkway, turn left and go (east) 2 1/2 blocks to the **J. Ira and Nicki Harris Family Hostel** at 24 East Congress Pkwy, at the corner of Congress Parkway and Wabash.

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