

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION/ EARLY CHILDHOOD PRACTICE ONLINE



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The Early Childhood Education program at National Louis University provides Bachelor of Arts coursework leading to either a Professional Educator's License (PEL) with an endorsement in Early Childhood Education (birth to grade 2) or a degree in Early Childhood Practice, with coursework leading to the Infant Toddler Level 5 and ECE level 5 credentials awarded by Gateways to Opportunity, as well as optional Family Child Care Level 5 OR Illinois Director Credential, Level 2. Candidates choose minors in either ESL/Bilingual, Early Childhood Special Education, or Early Childhood Program Administration.

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TARGET AUDIENCE:

Individuals with recent coursework in ECE from CLC or other accredited institution whose career plans include working in Illinois grade schools or daycare.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Complete application online at <http://www.nl.edu/applyonline>
- No application fee
- All official transcripts
- 2.0 transfer GPA

COST:

<http://www.nl.edu/t4/financialaid/tuitionandfees>

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:

Registration will occur with an academic advisor once a student is admitted to NLU. Advisors can be reached at 888-658-8632, option 2, or emailing advising@nl.edu.

DELIVERY MODE:

100% online or blended.

LOCATION(S) OF COURSES:

Online

TEXTBOOK PURCHASE:

Books can be purchased online at <http://www.nl.edu/t4/student-services/bookstore/>

TRANSFER HOURS POLICY:

NLU will accept up to 120 quarter hours of transfer credit with grades of "C" or higher from an accredited institution.

TOTAL HOURS NEEDED:

180 quarter hours

FINANCIAL AID INFO:

<http://www.nl.edu/t4/financialaid/>

REQUIRED COURSES:

(Credits are in quarter hours)

Both programs take:

EDU 210	History & Philosophy of Education	5
PSY 200	Applied Educational Psychology	5
SPE 300	Introduction to Special Education and Methods of Teaching Students with Disabilities	5
CIL 300	ESL/Bilingual Educational Foundations	5
EDU 290	Professional and Ethical Engagement with Children, Families and Communities	5
EDU 300	Teacher Education Practicum I	5
EDU 350	Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction	5
ECE 200	Child Growth and Development	5
ECE 324	Pre-K Integrated Methods	5

Licensure Only Takes:

CIS 480A	Methods of Teaching Social Studies	3
MHE 480A	Methods of Teaching Mathematics	5
RLL 479	Literacy Methods II	4
SCE 480A	Methods of Teaching Science	3
EDU 400	Teacher Education Practicum II	5
EDU 410	Teacher Education Practicum III	5
ECE 470	Early Childhood Education Student Teaching	10

Early Childhood Practice Only Takes:

ECE 340	Positive Guidance in Early Childhood Environments	5
ECE 301	Understanding Infant and Toddler Development	5
ECE 302	Healthy, Safe and Engaging Learning Environments for Infants and Toddlers	5
ECE 321	Curriculum and Best Practices for Infants and Toddlers	5
ECE 341	Early Intervention and Screening for Infants and Toddlers	5
ECE 342	Cultural Responsiveness for Families of Infants and Toddlers	5

ESL/BIL Minor	(30 QH)
ECE Special Education Minor	(30 QH)
Early Childhood Program Administration (ECP only)	(30 QH)