

# MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION



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Prepares candidates to teach elementary level students while taking into account their unique learning styles. The guiding principle of NLU instructional methods is based on constructivist philosophy: that learning is an active social process and teachers are the facilitators in that process.

## TARGET AUDIENCE:

Designed for career-changers who want to obtain their Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL) endorsed for teaching in grades 1–6.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Completed application
- Official transcripts from all institutions previously attended
- NCE Graduate Admission Essay
- Three references (waived for applicants with a 3.0 or higher GPA)

See full details, including application and checklist, via [www.nl.edu/applyonline](http://www.nl.edu/applyonline)

## COST:

<https://www.nl.edu/financialaid/tuitionandfees/>

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

11 week quarters, except summer is 8 weeks. The program runs in accordance with NLU quarterly calendar.

## DELIVERY MODE:

Blended. The program will include one online and one face-to-face course (meeting from 6–9 pm one night per week for 11 weeks) per quarter.

## LOCATION(S) OF COURSES:

University Center at Grayslake

## TEXTBOOK PURCHASE:

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

## TRANSFER HOURS POLICY:

Only nine semester hours of coursework taken prior to admission to National College of Education's Graduate School may be counted toward a degree.

## TOTAL HOURS NEEDED:

40 semester hours for license and 43 semester hours for Master's degree.

## FINANCIAL AID INFO:

<https://www.nl.edu/financialaid/>

## SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS:

The State of Illinois requires a minimum of 100 hours of pre-clinical experience before student teaching. Hours are completed as part of the coursework, including ELE500, ELE510, and SPE500.

Additional hours of field experience may be needed as part of the Master of Arts in Teaching program requirements. Each student's growth as a teacher is encouraged and documented throughout the program through the development of clinical competencies and a Professional Portfolio.

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## REQUIRED COURSES:

### MAT Core - 7 SH

FND 510	Social Justice Persp on Hist & Phil of Am Ed	2
EPS 511	Human Lrng & Dev in Instr Contexts	2
ESR 514	Research in Action: Becoming Practitioner Researchers	3

### Program Requirements - 36 SH

ELE 500	Elem Ed Practicum I: Tchg & Lrng in Diverse Settings	3
SPE 500	Intro/Methods of Teaching Students with Disabilities	3
ELE 510	Elem Ed Practicum II: Adv Tchg & Lrng in Diverse Settings	3
ELE 590	Elem Ed: Student Teaching	6
ELE 545	Methods for Tchg Arts Ed	1
ELE 547	Methods for Tchg Health & Phys Ed	1
CIS 480B	Methods of Tchg Soc Studies	2
MHE 480B	Methods for Tchg Elem Schl Math	2
SCE 480B	Methods of Tchg Science	2
RLL 538	Literacy Methods: K-6	2
RLR 550	Tchg Rdg Comp & Content Lit (Grades 1-6)	2
CIL 531	Cross Cultural Education	3
MHE 450	Math for Elem & Mid Schl Teachers	3
ELE 505	Instruc Prac in Context: Curric, Assmt & Tech	3