

## BACHELOR



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# EARLY CHILDHOOD & ELEMENTARY EDUCATION BACHELOR OF ARTS

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<https://nl.edu/undergraduate-college/programs/ba-in-early-childhood-and-elementary-education/>

Our Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education degree program prepares you to work with children from birth through grade 2. In this program, you will do coursework aligned to meet the new Illinois Professional Teaching Standards (IL-PTS). Upon successful completion of all required coursework, you will earn a Professional Educator License (PEL) endorsed for early childhood and self-contained general education (birth to 2nd grade). You'll also have the option to obtain Special Education and ELL endorsements, highly sought-after credentials in the job market.

## TARGET AUDIENCE:

Individuals with recent coursework in Early Childhood Education from an accredited institutions whose career plans include working in Illinois grade schools.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Complete application online at [www.nl.edu/applyonline](http://www.nl.edu/applyonline)
- No application fee
- All official transcripts
- 2.0 transfer GPA

## TOTAL HOURS NEEDED:

180 quarter hours

## TRANSFER HOURS POLICY:

NLU will accept up to 80 semesters (120 quarter) hours of transfer credit with grades of "C" or higher from accredited institutions.

## COST:

<https://nl.edu/tuition-and-aid/tuition-and-fees> \*Transfer students may qualify for the Direct to Success (D2S) scholarship.

**DELIVERY MODE:** Hybrid/Blended

## LOCATION(S) OF COURSES:

In person sections offered at University Center

## TEXTBOOK PURCHASE:

Online at <https://nl.textbook.com/institutional/index.php>

## SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS:

The ECL curriculum will provide you with a solid foundation in child development, methods of teaching and concepts in early childhood and elementary education necessary for supporting the education of students ages birth through 6th grade. Topics include best practices in curriculum, assessment techniques, culturally relevant pedagogy, methods of teaching in literacy, math, science and social studies, equity-informed practice, and other relevant topics.

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

<https://nl.edu/media/nledu/content-assets/documents/student-services/office-of-the-registrar/academic-calendars/2024--2029-Five-Year-Academic-Calendar.pdf>

## REQUIRED COURSES:

### Educator Preparation Core:

EAL 300 Educational Foundations for Learning English as an Additional Language 5

EAL 331 Cross Cultural Studies for Working with English Language Learners 5

ECE 334 Language and Early Literacy Development 5

EDU 210 Educational Philosophy- A Historical Account 5

EDU 290 Professionalism and Ethical Engagement with Children, Families and the Community 5

EDU 299 Child Development 5

EDU 305 Equity in Education 5

### Early Childhood and Elementary Education Major:

EAL 312 Linguistic Considerations for Learning to Read in a New Language 5

ECE 324 Integrated Preprimary Methodology in Early Childhood Education 5

EDU 350 Teacher Preparation Curriculum and Assessment 5

EDU 420 Practicum: Professional Practices and Classroom Contexts 5

EDU 477 Literacy Teaching Methods 5

EDU 480 Methods of Teaching Mathematics 5

EDU 483 Inquiry Based Teaching Methods: Science and Social Studies 5

SPE 401 Introduction to Special Education and Methods of Teaching Students with Disabilities 5

SPE 440 Equity, Advocacy, and Collaboration in Special Education 5

STEM 300 Inquiry and Thinking in STEM for Teachers 5

and

ECE 470A Early Childhood Education Student Teaching Field Experience 5

ECE 470B Early Childhood Education Student Teaching Seminar 5

or

ELE 470A Elementary Education Student Teaching Field Experience 5

ELE 470B Elementary Education Student Teaching Seminar 5

### Early Childhood Education Concentration Options:

ESL/Bilingual 15 QH

Special Education 15 QH

Early Care and Education Administration 15 QH