

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION/INFANT TODDLER STUDIES BACHELOR OF ARTS



NATIONAL  
LOUIS  
UNIVERSITY

## ONLINE OR HYBRID

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 Infant-Toddler Studies, with coursework leading to the Infant Toddler Level 5 and ECE level 5 credentials awarded by Gateways to Opportunity and optional Illinois Director Credential (Illinois Director's Level 1 for the ECE program and Level 2 for the ITS program). Candidates working towards the PEL can choose concentrations in either ESL/Bilingual, Early Childhood Special Education, or Early Childhood Program Administration.

### TARGET AUDIENCE:

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

### 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

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

### REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:

Enrollment Specialists will assist the student through class registration. Registration will occur with an academic advisor once a student is admitted to NLU.

### DELIVERY MODE:

100% online or hybrid.

### LOCATION(S) OF COURSES:

The University Center and Online

### TEXTBOOK PURCHASE:

Books can be purchased online at <https://nlu.ecampus.com>

### ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

The program runs in accordance with NLU quarterly calendar.

### 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.

### TOTAL HOURS NEEDED:

180 quarter hours

### FINANCIAL AID INFO:

<https://nl.edu/tuition-and-aid>

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### WEBSITE:

<https://nl.edu/academics/program-finder>

### REQUIRED COURSES:

(Credits are in quarter hours) Both programs take:

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 Practicum I Child Development 5  
EDU 305 Equity in Education 5

Early Childhood 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  
ECE 470 Early Childhood Education: Student Teaching 10 to 14  
EDU 350 Teacher Preparation Curriculum and Assessment 5  
EDU 420 Practicum II: 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 300 Introduction to Special Education and Methods of Teaching Students with Disabilities 5  
SPE 435 Autism-Spectrum Disorders and Characteristics of Children With Disabilities 5

Infant - Toddler Studies Major:

ECE 301 Understanding Infants & Toddlers 5  
ECE 302 Health, Safety and Wellness in Infant/Toddler Environments 5  
ECE 303 Issues, Trends and Leadership in Early Childhood Education 5  
ECE 321 Curriculum and Assessment, Infant/Toddler Settings 5  
ECE 324 Integrated Preprimary Methodology in Early Childhood Education 5  
ECE 341 Early Intervention and Screening for Infants & Toddlers 5  
ECE 342 Culturally Responsive Infant/Toddler Settings 5  
ECE 400 Infant/Toddler Mental Health and Trauma Informed Practice 5  
ECE 480 Internship in Infant/Toddler Studies 10  
EDU 350 Teacher Preparation Curriculum and Assessment 5

Early Childhood Education Concentration Options:

ESL/Bilingual 15 QH  
Special Education 15 QH  
Early Care and Education Administration 15 QH