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<https://nl.edu/national-college-of-education/programs/teacher-preparation/mat-in-elementary-education/>

REQUIRED COURSES:

Program Requirements - 43 SH

CIL 531	Cross Cultural Education	3
CIS 540	Methods of Teaching Social Studies 2 OR 3	
ELE 500	Elementary Education Practicum I: Teaching and Learning in Diverse Settings	3
ELE 510	Elementary Education Practicum II: Advanced Teaching and Learning in Diverse Settings	3
ELE 590	Elementary Education: Student Teaching	6
EPS 511	Human Learning and Development in Instructional Contexts	2
ESR 514	Research in Action: Becoming Practitioner Researchers	3
FND 510	Social Justice Perspectives on the History and Philosophy of American Education	2
MHE 540	Methods for Teaching Elementary Schools Mathematics	3
MHE 542	Mathematics for Elementary and Middle School Teachers	3
RLP 550	Teaching Reading Comprehension and Content Area Literacy, Grades 1-6	3
RLP 551	Literacy Methods, Grades 1-6	3
SPE 500	Introduction to and Methods of Teaching Students with Disabilities	3
SCE 540	Methods of Teaching Science TO 3	2

Note: CIS 540 and SCE 540 must be taken for 3 SH. ESR 514 is required for a degree, not licensure.

The MAT in Elementary Education degree program is typically completed in one-to-two years and leads to eligibility for an Illinois Professional Educator's License endorsed for self-contained general education (Grades 1-6).

TARGET AUDIENCE:

The Elementary Education MAT is for those holding a bachelor's degree in any subject who wish to obtain their Professional Educator's License to teach elementary-age students (grades 1-6) in the state of Illinois. The program works well with teacher aids or paraprofessionals already in the classroom.

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

COST:

\$685 per semester hour
 Eligible for TEACH grant and Teacher Loan Forgiveness

ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

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

DELIVERY MODE:

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 or Online

TEXTBOOK PURCHASE:

Books can be purchased online at 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:

43 semester hours

FINANCIAL AID INFO:

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.