

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

## BACHELOR OF ARTS



NATIONAL  
LOUIS  
UNIVERSITY

### ONLINE OR HYBRID

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.

#### 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:

Hybrid/Blended (For the In-Person sections of hybrid/blended courses, they should be held in Grayslake)

#### LOCATION(S) OF COURSES:

The University Center and Online

#### TEXTBOOK PURCHASE:

Books can be purchased online at <https://nl.textbookx.com/institutional/index.php>

#### 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>

#### 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>

#### TARGET AUDIENCE:

Individuals with recent coursework in Early Childhood Education from an accredited institutions whose career plans include working at early childhood centers.

#### 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.

#### 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 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 I: 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

##### Early Childhood Education Concentration Options:

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

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