College of Lake County Transfer Guide
Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education (ELED)

Available at:
NEIU Main Campus (Chicago, IL)

Elementary Education Program Description

The program in Elementary Education (ELED) consists of 40 hrs in professional courses, which are divided into 5 levels. A minor or area of concentration from an approved list of minors is also necessary to complete the program in Elementary Education at Northeastern Illinois University. Students who complete this program qualify for a Professional Educator License endorsed in Elementary Education (K-9); additional endorsement qualifies students to teach in middle schools (grades 5-8).

Contact Information

Northeastern Illinois University Transfer Center: Students who have questions about the program prior to admission may contact the Northeastern Illinois University Transfer Center at (773) 442-4076 or email TransferSteps@neiu.edu.

Admission Requirements

- Students must have earned a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher for all college or university course work attempted. Students must be in good academic standing at the last college or university attended.
- Required documents are: application for admission, $30 nonrefundable application fee, and official transcripts from all colleges and universities.
- Additional Admission and application materials, including the option to apply online can be found at www.neiu.edu/Transfer.
- Application deadlines are as follows:

		International Applicants
Fall	July 1	June 1
Spring	November 1	October 1
Summer I	April 1	March 1
Summer II	May 1	April 1

Transfer Policies

- Students with an AA degree from an Illinois Community College and/or completion of the IAI will have fulfilled Northeastern's general education requirements.
- A maximum of 64 semester hours may be transferred to Northeastern Illinois University from a community college. In cases where both a community college and university were attended, a maximum of 90 semester hours are accepted, with a maximum of 64 semester hours allowed at the community college level.
- Additional information about transferring and transfer policies are available at www.neiu.edu/Transfer.

Admission Requirements for the Daniel L Goodwin College of Education

- Passing scores on the Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP) www.icts.nesinc.com **OR** a composite score of 22 or higher on the ACT test, if taken within the last ten years (**Note:** completion of the Writing section of the ACT is required).
- C or better in English 101
- C or better in College Level Math
- A minimum 2.5 GPA
- A minimum 30 semester hours (this can be transfer coursework or courses taken at Northeastern)
- Background check

Northeastern Illinois University Degree Requirements

1.) **General Education:** 36 credit hours (see requirements below)

2.) **English 101 or equivalent (grade of "C" or higher):** At CLC, take ENG 121 – English Composition I

3.) **Total Credits and Credit Levels:** A minimum of 120 semester hours must be earned by every undergraduate student to be eligible to graduate from Northeastern. **Students must complete a minimum of 40 semester hours at the 300 level to meet the Upper Division Requirement.**

4.) **Major Program:** Undergraduate students must declare and complete a major. Students must earn a grade of "C" or higher in all courses counted toward the major. No "P" grades will count toward a major.

5.) **Residency:** Must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours at Northeastern.

6.) **GPA:** Students must have a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA (overall "C" average). Some academic programs and departments have other specific grade requirements.

7.) **Improving Human Relations:** The Improving Human Relations requirement may be met through the General Education program. Courses are available in both the Humanities and Social / Behavioral Sciences categories. You may choose a course that meets the Improving Human Relations requirement ***and*** Humanities or Social / Behavioral Sciences.

8.) **WIP (Writing Intensive Program):** Students must successfully complete a writing intensive course within their discipline. **This course must be completed at Northeastern.** Students completing the Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education fulfill this requirement by taking ELED 302 – WIP: Methods of Teaching Language Arts - Elementary School.

9.) **University Core Curriculum (UCC):** Students must complete three Engaged Learning Experience (ELE) courses. ELE courses are either Boundary Crossing (ELE-X) or Discipline Specific (ELE-DS) and are chosen in consultation with the student's advisor. At least one course must be at the 300 level and one course must be an ELE-X course as part of meeting the requirement.

Total Hours to Graduation: 120 Credit Hours The calculations below are based on the minimum amount of hours required to complete the Elementary Education Program and receive a B.A. in Elementary Education. Some students may require additional hours than those listed below.	
	Hours Required
General Education/Teacher Licensure Requirements	57 Credit Hours
Professional Sequence (Elementary Education Major Courses)	40 Credit Hours
Minor/Area of Concentration	18 Credit Hours
General Electives	5 Credit Hours

College of Education General Education/Teacher Licensure Courses: 57 Credit Hours

The General Education Courses for the College of Education are divided specifically in subjects that are demonstrated to be beneficial for students pursuing degrees in education.

Area	Credits	Notes
Fine Arts	6	* Please review the Transfer Course Equivalency Guide for a listing of courses with the Fine Arts designation. The 6 hours include Teacher Ed requirement: not waived with the AA completed. *Note: No more than one course from any department can be used to complete this requirement.*
Humanities	9	• ENGL 205 at Northeastern • 6 additional hours of Humanities courses * Please review the Transfer Course Equivalency Guide for a listing of courses with the Humanities designation. The 9 hours include Teacher Ed requirement: not waived with the AA completed. *Note: No more than two courses from any department can be used to complete this requirement.*
Social and Behavioral Science	12	• Political Science: PSC 121 at CLC • U.S. History: HST 221 or 222 at CLC • Non-U.S., non-Western course: ANT 221 at CLC • Geography: GEG 123 at CLC *Note: No more than two courses from any department can be used to complete this requirement.*
Natural Sciences	9	• BIOS 110 at Northeastern • ESC 120 at CLC • CHM 120 or 142 or PHY 120 at CLC
Mathematics	9	• MATH 149 at Northeastern • MATH 150 at Northeastern *Note: Students who take MTH 121 & MTH 221 at CLC will need to take MATH 151 at Northeastern.*
Additional Requirements 5 Courses	12	• ENG 121 and 122 at CLC with grades C or higher • HWP 240 at CLC(no longer required per NEIU 8/24/17) • 1 hour in Physical Education activity at CLC(no longer required per NEIU 8/24/17) • CMM 121 at CLC with a grade C or higher

Please visit www.neiu.edu/Transfer and click on the Transfer Course Equivalency Link to view list of courses.

Elementary Education Professional Sequence (ELED): 40 Credit Hours

It is recommended that General Education courses, specific for the College of Education be taken prior to full admission into the program.

Course	Credits	Notes
Level I **EDFN 305** – Philosophical and Historical Foundations of Public Education **EDFN 306** – Education and Individual Differences	6	**EDU 121** – Intro To Teaching at CLC is equivalent to EDFN 305 at Northeastern. **EDU 222 and 225; or EDU 222 and EDU 124 or ECE 124** at CLC must be completed to receive equivalent to EDFN 306 at NEIU.
***Level II** **EDFN 307** – Psychology of Instruction and Learning **ELED 301** – Curriculum of the Elementary School **ELED 302** – WIP: Methods of Teaching Language Arts – Elementary School **(This course can only be taken at Northeastern)**	9	*No Equivalencies at College of Lake County.*
***Level III** **ELED 304** – Methods of Teaching Social Studies – Elementary School **ELED 305** – Methods of Teaching Science – Elementary School	6	*No Equivalencies at College of Lake County.*
***Level IV** **ELED 310** – Methods of Teaching Mathematics – Elementary School **ELED 306A** – Methods of Teaching Reading – Elementary School with Clinical Experience **ELED 328** – Clinical Experience in Elementary School	7	*No Equivalencies at College of Lake County.*
***Level V** **ELED 329** – Student Teaching in Elementary School	9	*No Equivalency at College of Lake County.*
***One elective to be taken in between Levels II-IV from the following:** **EDFN 313** – Problems, Issues, and Practices in Education **ELED 319** – Classroom Organization and Management **ELED 330** – Creating and Using Puppetry in the Classroom **ELED 312** – Teaching Strategies For English Language Learners & Multicultural Students	3	*No Equivalencies at College of Lake County.* *Note: Students who wish to earn middle school endorsement should take EDFN 313 as their elective.*

Elementary Education Program Graduation Criteria:

- Completion of all Northeastern and College Of Education General Education Requirements.
- Completion of all professional education sequence courses and requirements.
- Maintain cumulative GPA of 2.5.
- Maintain professional sequence GPA of 2.75.

In order for students to be entitled by Northeastern Illinois University for a Professional Educator License with an endorsement in Elementary Education (K-9) or Middle School (5-8), they must have received a "B" or better in student teaching and have passed the Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP) and the ILTS Elementary/Middle Grades Test. In order for students to be licensed by the Illinois State Board of Education, they will need to have passed the appropriate ILTS Assessment of Professional Teaching test.

**** These courses are part of the professional sequence in Elementary Education and are only offered at Northeastern. Consult with assigned Program Advisor.***

Approved Minors/Areas of Concentration: 18 – 21 hrs

African and African American Studies, Anthropology, Art(studio), Asian Studies, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Economics, English, Foreign Language (one language of study), Geography (excluding Environmental Studies), History, Interdisciplinary English Studies, Inner City Careers, Latino and Latin American Studies, Linguistics, Mathematics, MSTQE (Math and Sciences Concepts), Music, Philosophy, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology and Teaching English as a Second Language.

Tuition, Financial Aid and Scholarships

Northeastern Illinois University is committed to providing an affordable education. That's why our tuition and fees are among the most affordable of the Illinois Public Universities. We offer a **tuition guarantee program** that guarantees incoming students the same tuition rate for four years.

For information about financing your education at Northeastern, including Financial Aid and Scholarship opportunities, please see our website: www.neiu.edu/financial-aid/. You may also contact our Financial Aid Office directly at (773) 442-5016 or email Financial-Aid@neiu.edu. If you are completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), Northeastern's federal School code is **001693**.

Provost and Deans Merit Scholarships for TRANSFER students:

Provost Merit Scholarship
Scholarships in the amount of **$2,000** will be awarded to new transfers who meet the following criteria and who apply early for admission. Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come first-serve basis:

- Admitted entering transfer students with an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science (or at least 60 earned credits).
- Must have at least a cumulative transfer GPA of 3.50.
- Must be an Illinois resident.
- Must be enrolled as a full time student at Northeastern.

Deans Merit Scholarship
Scholarships in the amount of **$1,000** will be awarded to new transfers who meet the following criteria and who apply early for admission. Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come first-serve basis:

- Admitted entering transfer students with an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science (or at least 60 earned credit hours.
- Must have at least a cumulative transfer GPA of 3.00.
- Must be an Illinois resident.
- Must be enrolled as a full time student at Northeastern.

Until all of the scholarships are awarded, students who meet these qualifications will automatically be considered for the Provost and Deans Merit Scholarships at the time of applying for admission to Northeastern. Completing an additional application is not necessary. The Office of Scholarships may be reached at (773) 442-4606 or scholarships@neiu.edu.