Northeastern offers over 50 graduate and post-baccalaureate programs.

Whether you’re seeking a master’s degree, certification or licensure, our programs will meet your needs. Our small class sizes allow for quality interaction with faculty and students.

Core Application Requirements

1. Application for Admission to Graduate Programs: A non-refundable $30 application fee is required with the application. Any application received without the application fee or waiver will not be processed. Please do not send cash.

2. Two Letters of Recommendation and the Letter of Recommendation Forms: Letters and forms should be enclosed in an envelope with the recommender’s signature across the back seal. Letters should be from persons such as professors or employers who can attest to your qualifications. One letter should be from a former professor if you have been in school in the past five years. Letters of recommendation can be sent electronically if you apply using the online application. Please note: some Education programs require a specific letter of recommendation, which will be noted in the Additional Requirements section.

3. Statement of Goals and Objectives: Discuss your goals and objectives specific to your program of interest. Statement should be two pages.

4. College Transcripts: Current official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended. Official transcripts and examination scores must be in sealed envelopes from the sending college or institution. Opened transcripts are not considered official. All documents submitted become the property of the University and will not be released to the student or outside party for any reason. Courses taken at colleges or universities outside of the United States must be evaluated by a member of NACES (https://www.naces.org/members) for equivalence of our undergraduate degree. A course-by-course evaluation is required.

5. International students must also submit official IELTS, Pearson PTE, or TOEFL report to Graduate Admissions.

6. Additional Required Documents: Some programs may require test scores (GRE, GMAT, TAP), research papers, teaching certificate/licensure, or proof of prerequisite coursework. Additional program requirements can be found in the Academic Programs and Codes list on the following pages.

7. If you are a permanent resident, please submit a copy of your permanent resident card. If you have been granted asylum, or refugee status, or are adjusting your status, you must submit appropriate documentation from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. If you are on a visa or are an international applicant, you must submit a copy of your valid, non-expired visa.


9. All core application requirements and additional requirements must be received by the Application Deadlines listed above.
**International Applicant Information**

An international applicant is a foreign student who plans to apply for or is currently in the United States on an F visa or B1/B2 visa. To apply for admission, you must submit the following documents in addition to the Core Application Requirements listed above:

1. An official bank letter(s) from each sponsor. Amounts must be given in U.S. dollars.

2. NEIU Financial Statement.

3. If you are currently in the United States, submit a copy of your visa and I-94.

4. If you are currently in the United States, submit a copy of your current I-20.

Once your application is processed, wait for your I-20 to schedule an appointment with the U.S. Consular Office (www.usembassy.gov). To check on the status of your I-20, contact the Office of International Programs at international-programs@neiu.edu.

**Admission to a Degree Program**

The undergraduate academic record must reflect an overall grade point average of 2.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale. All undergraduate work is included in the evaluation. Post-bachelor's work in graduate-level courses, if any, is expected to average 3.0 (B) or better.

**Admission Categories**

Most students who are admitted to NEIU graduate programs are subject only to the standard policies that apply to all graduate students at NEIU. Some students will be offered admission to the following conditional/contingent/provisional statuses. Offers of admission are extended upon the recommendation of the graduate program and the approval of the College of Graduate Studies and Research.

**Graduating Seniors:** An undergraduate senior who meets all of the requirements for admission to the College and the specific degree program, and is within fifteen semester hours of completing an undergraduate degree may be granted Contingent Admission. Prior to the start of classes in the semester of admission, an applicant granted contingent admission must submit an official transcript showing conferral of the degree in order to start graduate coursework. Courses used to fulfill undergraduate degree requirements will not apply to the graduate degree program of study.

**Conditional Admission:** Applicants lacking mastery of certain, specific program prerequisites may be allowed to obtain that mastery by completing prerequisite coursework by a specified time or point in the graduate program, as deemed appropriate by the graduate program. Such applicants will be granted admission and assigned to “conditional status.” Students in conditional status will be required to complete their prerequisite work early in their graduate program, in accordance with the sequence of courses recommended by their graduate program.

**Provisional Admission:** Applicants who do not meet the standard academic background expected for full admission to a degree program, in certain cases, may be granted admission to “provisional status” upon the recommendation of the graduate program and the approval of the College of Graduate Studies and Research. Admission to provisional status may result from an applicant having:

1. A degree from an institution for which academic credit equivalency cannot be established, or one that issues transcripts with ungraded academic records.

2. An undergraduate cumulative grade point average that is below 2.75.

3. An erratic undergraduate academic record.

**Readmission:** Students who do not register for courses within three consecutive semesters (summer included) will be inactivated and must apply for readmission.

**Notification of Admission:** The Graduate Admissions Office will inform students in writing of the admission decision. Students who are admitted should contact their program advisor within two weeks of receiving notification of admission (the advisor’s name is identified in the letter of admission), register for the courses they plan to take in their first semester, and participate in orientation programs as specified by the college and/or program.

**Admission Acceptance/Deferral:** Students are expected to enroll in the semester for which they are admitted, as the application is valid only for that semester. A matriculation deferral for up to one year will be considered by emailing your request to grad-deferment@neiu.edu.

**Title IX**

NEIU prohibits sexual harassment. For more information, contact the Title IX Coordinator:

5500 North St. Louis Avenue
Office C-216
Chicago, IL 60625
(773) 442-5412
titleix@neiu.edu
## Additional Program Requirements and Documents for Admission

All applicants are required to submit the following **Core Documents** for admission:

- Application and fee
- Statement of Goals and Objectives (2 pages)
- 2 letters of recommendation
- Official transcripts from all colleges/universities
- Additional program requirements (see below)

International applicants must submit the **Core Documents** as well as the following:

- IELTS, Pearson PTE, or TOEFL
- NEIU Financial Statement
- Official Bank Letters/Statement in U.S. dollars
- ECE, EP or WES evaluation of all college credit

## Degree Programs in the Art and Sciences

### Biology, M.S.

**Code (GE05) | Fall admission only**

**Additional Requirements:**

- Bachelor’s degree with a major in biology (or the course equivalent of such, including the usual cognate science courses)
- Overall undergraduate GPA of 2.75 and a minimum GPA of 3.0 in their biology and cognate courses

### Chemistry, M.S.

**Code (GE07) | Spring, summer, fall admission**

**Additional Requirements:** Bachelor’s degree with a major in a chemistry-related discipline including chemistry, biochemistry, food / cosmetic chemistry, pharmaceutical science, chemical engineering, biological science, etc., with a minimum GPA of 2.75 in chemistry courses.

### Communication, Media and Theatre, M.A.

**Code (GC13) | Fall admission only**

**Additional Requirements:**

- Sample research paper, honors thesis, or substantial research report
- 15 undergraduate credit hours (nine of which must be junior/senior level courses) in CMT or CMT-related courses, with at least a 3.0 GPA in these courses

### Computer Science, M.S.

**Code (GS01) | Spring, summer, fall admission**

**Additional Requirements:** None

### English, M.A. - Composition Concentration

**Code (GC12) | Spring, summer, fall admission**

**Additional Requirements:**

- Statement of goals must discuss why you are qualified for graduate study in English
- Writing sample between 10-15 pages

### English, M.A. - Literature Concentration

**Code (GC05) | Spring, summer, fall admission**

**Additional Requirements:**

- Statement of goals must discuss why you are qualified for graduate study in English
- Writing sample between 10-15 pages

### Geography and Environmental Studies, M.A.

**Code (GF08) | Spring, summer, fall admission**

**Additional Requirements:** Conditional admission allowed for those who may require deficiency undergraduate coursework, individually informed by the applicant’s academic and professional preparation. If applicants have relevant professional experience, they are encouraged to submit a detailed resume.

### Gerontology, M.A.

**Code (GP02) | Spring, summer, fall admission**

**Additional Requirements:**

- Work/volunteer resume
- Prerequisite training course in psychology-related statistics

### History, M.A.

**Code (GF06) | Spring, summer, fall admission**

**Additional Requirements:**

- Writing sample of at least 10 pages, preferably relevant to history
- 15 undergraduate credit hours in history courses

### Latin American Literatures and Cultures, M.A.

**Code (GC16) | Spring, summer, fall admission**

**Additional Requirements:**

- Statement of Goals and Objectives written in Spanish
- Evidence of written and oral proficiency in Spanish at the Advanced level, according to guidelines of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL).

Contact department for more information about this requirement.

### Linguistics, M.A.

**Code (GC11) | Spring, summer, fall admission**

**Additional Requirements:**

- Official TOEFL or IELTS scores or proof of foreign language study
- 9 hours of foreign language study at the undergraduate level or above
- OR A minimum TOEFL score of 550 (paper); 79 on the Internet-based test; 213 (computer-based); OR a score of 6.5 on the IELTS
### Mathematics, M.S. - Applied Mathematics Concentration
Code (GD02) | Spring, summer, fall admission

**Additional Requirements:**
- Successful completion of a calculus sequence through multivariable calculus and up to 6 mathematics courses beyond the calculus sequence. 3 of 6 courses must be from the following list – Linear Algebra, Differential Equations, Probability and Statistics, Numerical Analysis, Modeling, and Operations Research
- Must be comfortable using computational software, such as Maple, Mathematica, MATLAB, or Fortran
- Conditional admission may be granted to students if they only have 4 out of 6 of the courses beyond the calculus sequence

### Mathematics, M.S. - Secondary Education Concentration
Code (GD02) | Spring, summer, fall admission

**Additional Requirements:**
- Minimum 18 credit hours of college-level mathematics content courses that include multivariable calculus, linear algebra, and discrete mathematics. Equivalent courses completed in other subject areas such as physics, business, computer science, may apply.
- Conditional admission will be granted to applicants who do not have licensure but have completed the requisite coursework if they are currently enrolled or plan to enroll in a Teaching Licensure Program (TLP).

### Music, M.A. - Applied Music Pedagogy
Code (GM02) | Spring, fall admission

**Additional Requirements:**
- Audition
- Placement exams in music theory and history (upon acceptance)

### Political Science, M.A.
Code (GF07) | Spring, fall admission

**Additional Requirements:** none

### Social Work, M.S.W. - Full Program
Code (GW01) | Fall admission only

**Deadline March 1; decisions mailed in April**

*Transfers from other accredited MSW program should consult program for other start options.*

**Additional Requirements:**
- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 OR Post-graduate GPA of 3.0 in at least 6 credit hours
- Liberal arts coursework that includes the social and behavioral sciences, the natural sciences, and the humanities
- Statistics course
- Three letters of recommendation
- Professional statement
- Additional requirements may include a background check

### Social Work, M.S.W. (Advanced Standing)
Code (GW02) | Summer admission only

**Deadline March 1; decisions mailed in April.**

**Additional Requirements:**
- Undergraduate GPA of 3.25
- Three letters of recommendation. One of the letters of recommendation should be from the BSW Program Director, Field Director, of Faculty of the transfer school.

### Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, M.A.
Code (GT05) | Spring, summer, fall admission

**Additional Requirements:** none

### Certificate Programs in the Art and Sciences

#### Geographic Information Science Certificate
Code (G905) | Spring, summer, fall admission

**Additional Requirements:** none

#### Gerontology Senior Advocate Certificate
Code (G906) | Spring, summer, fall admission

**Additional Requirements:**
- Complete work/volunteer resume
- Prerequisite training course in psychology-related statistics

#### Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Certificate
Code (G904) | Spring, summer, fall admission

**Additional Requirements:** none
Combined Endorsement and Degree Programs in the Arts and Sciences

Biology, M.S. and Teaching Endorsement
Code (GZ10) | Fall admission only

Additional Requirements:
- Bachelor's degree with a major in biology (or the course equivalent of such, including the usual cognate science courses)
- Overall undergraduate GPA of 2.75 and a minimum GPA of 3.0 in their biology and cognate courses
- Meet requirements of corresponding Teacher Licensure Program

English, M.A. and Teaching Endorsement
Code (GZ11) | Spring, summer, fall admission

Additional Requirements:
- Statement of goals must discuss why you are qualified for graduate study in English
- Writing sample between 10-15 pages
- Meet requirements of corresponding Teacher Licensure Program

History, M.A. and Teaching Endorsement
Code (GZ12) | Spring, summer, fall admission

Additional Requirements:
- Writing sample between 10-15 pages; preferably relevant to history
- Meet requirements of corresponding Teacher Licensure Program

Latin American Literatures and Cultures, M.A. and Teaching Endorsement
Code (GZ14) | Spring, summer, fall admission

Additional Requirements:
- Statement of Goals and Objectives written in Spanish
- Meet requirements of corresponding Teacher Licensure Program
- Evidence of written and oral proficiency in Spanish at the Advanced level, according to guidelines of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL).

Contact department for more information about this requirement.

Mathematics, M.S. and Teaching Endorsement
Code (GZ13) | Spring, summer, fall admission

Additional Requirements:
- Minimum 18 credit hours of college-level mathematics content courses that include multivariable calculus, linear algebra, and discrete mathematics. Equivalent courses completed in other subject areas such as physics, business, computer science, may apply.
- Meet requirements of corresponding Teacher Licensure Program

Music, M.A. and Teaching Endorsement
Code (GZ15) | Spring, fall admission

Additional Requirements:
- Audition
- Placement exams in music theory and history (upon admission)
- Meet requirements of corresponding Teacher Licensure Program

Degree Programs in Education

Clinical Mental Health Counseling, M.A.
Code (GG13) | Spring, fall admission
Application deadlines: March 15 for Fall; August 15 for Spring

Additional Requirements:
- Minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.75 on 4.0 scale
- Counselor Education application
- Essay (instructions on Counselor Education application)
- Resume
- Attendance at pre-admission workshop

Community and Teacher Leaders, M.A.
Code (GI05) | Spring, summer, fall admission

Additional Requirements: none

Couple and Family Counseling, M.A.
Code (GG10) | Spring, fall admission
Application deadlines: March 15 for fall; August 15 for spring

Additional Requirements:
- Minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.75 on 4.0 scale
- Counselor Education application
- Essay (instructions on Counselor Education application)
- Resume
- Attendance at pre-admission workshop
See Counselor Education website for detailed information.

Educational Leadership, M.A. - Higher Education Concentration
Code (GX06) | Fall admission only

Additional Requirements:
- Resume or curriculum vitae
- GCOE Recommendation letter and form required in lieu of admission recommendation form

Educational Leadership, M.A. - School Leadership (K-12) Concentration
Code (GX05) | Spring, summer, fall admission

Note: The semester prior to admission to the M.A. program, student must be admitted as a Graduate Student-at-Large. The graduate program applications are completed during LEAD 424 while student is a Graduate Student-at-Large.

Additional Requirements:
- Minimum 2.75 G.P.A. from most recent degree
- Completion of two years of PK-12 full-time teaching OR school service personnel experience within the last five years
- Copy of valid and current Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL) OR endorsed in a school support personnel area
- Completion of a successful training OR school support personnel portfolio
- In-person interview
- GCOE Recommendation letter and form required in lieu of admission recommendation form
- Two NEIU Disposition Assessments (completed by supervisors)
- Successful completion of a written exam provided by the department

Elementary Education, M.A.T.
Code (GL11) | Fall admission only

Additional Requirements:
- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- GCOE Recommendation letter and form required in lieu of admission recommendation form
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<td>Copy of teaching license, One of the letters of recommendation must be written by a teacher or administrator at the applicant's school or previous school, Completion of two years of PK-9 teaching in the applicant's own classroom, Completed program application, Statement of goals must include teaching history</td>
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| Code (G524) | Spring, summer, fall admission |
| • Copy of teaching license | |

| Bilingual Endorsement Focus Program* | Additional Requirements: |
| Code (G515) | Spring, summer, fall admission |
| • Copy of teaching license | |

| Early Childhood Education Focus Program* | Additional Requirements: |
| Code (G516) | Spring, fall admission |
| • Copy of teaching license | |

| Elementary Education Focus Program* | Additional Requirements: |
| Code (G517) | Spring, summer, fall admission |
| • Copy of teaching license | |

| Health Education (9-12) Endorsement: Focus Program* | Additional Requirements: |
| Code (G522) | Spring, summer, fall admission |
| • Copy of teaching license | |

| Middle Level Education Endorsement* | Additional Requirements: |
| Code (G525) | Spring, summer, fall admission |
| • Copy of teaching license | |

| Physical Education (K-12) Endorsement Focus* | Additional Requirements: |
| Code (G523) | Spring, summer, fall admission |
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| Reading Teacher Endorsement: Elementary Level | Additional Requirements: |
| Code (G520) | Spring, summer, fall admission |
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| Reading Teacher Endorsement: Secondary Level | Additional Requirements: |
| Code (G521) | Spring, summer, fall admission |
| • Copy of teaching license | |

| Secondary Education Focus Program* | Additional Requirements: |
| Code (G518) | Spring, summer, fall admission |
| • Copy of teaching license | |

| Special Education, Learning Behavior Specialist I (LBS I) Focus Program | Additional Requirements: |
| Code (G501) | Spring, fall admission |
| • Proof of Full (PK-21) LBS I Endorsement or equivalent | |

| Special Education, LBS II - Curriculum Adaptation Specialist (CAS) | Additional Requirements: |
| Code (G503) | Spring, fall admission |
| • Proof of Full (PK-21) LBS I Endorsement or equivalent | |

| Special Education, LBS II - Behavior Intervention Specialist (BIS) | Additional Requirements: |
| Code (G504) | Spring, fall admission |
| • Proof of Full (PK-21) LBS I Endorsement or equivalent | |

| Special Education, LBS II - Learning Behavior Specialist (LBS) | Additional Requirements: |
| Code (G502) | Spring, fall admission |
| • Proof of Full (PK-21) LBS I Endorsement or equivalent | |

| Teacher Leader Endorsement* | Additional Requirements: |
| Code (GI08) | Spring, summer, fall admission |
| • Copy of teaching license | |

| Teacher Licensure Program: Art (K-12)** | Additional Requirements: |
| Code (G302) | Spring, summer, fall admission |
| • None | |

| Teacher Licensure Program: Early Childhood Education** | Additional Requirements: |
| Code (G301) | Spring, summer, fall admission |
| • None | |

| School Counselor Endorsement (Non-Degree) | Additional Requirements: |
| Code (G526) | Spring, summer, fall admission |
| • Master's degree in counseling or a closely-related field |
| • Non-degree endorsement application |
| • Essay (instructions on non-degree endorsement application) |
| • Resume |
| • Copy of PEL. If no PEL, results of state and federal fingerprint background check |

See Counselor Education website for detailed information.
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| TLP Secondary Education                                                            | G313       | Spring, summer, fall              | Concentrations: (G1) Language Arts, (G2) Social Science: History, (G3) Mathematics, (G4) Science: Biology, (G5) Science: Chemistry, (G6) Science: Physics, (G7) Science: Earth Science Additional Requirements:  
  • Minimum GPA of 3.0  
  • Interview scheduled with program faculty after application is received |
| Public Health Certificate                                                           | G909       | Spring, summer, fall              | GPA of 3.0 or better in a major related to one of the 5 core public health areas: biostatistics, epidemiology, environmental health science, health services administration, and the social and behavioral sciences (Applicants may be granted conditional admission) |
| Trauma-Informed Counseling Certificate                                             | G910       | Spring, summer, fall              | Applicants who are current students in M.A. Counseling programs:  
  • Graduate Certificate in Trauma-Informed Counseling Application  
 Applicants who are not current Counselor Education students:  
  • Graduate degree in counseling or a closely-related mental health field  
  • A minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale  
  • Application for Admission to Graduate Programs  
  • Graduate Certificate in Trauma-Informed Counseling Application  
  • Essay (instructions on Counselor Education application)  
  • Resume  
  See Counselor Education website for detailed information. |
| Certificate Programs in Education                                                  |            |                                    |                                                                                         |
| Addiction Counseling Certificate                                                   | G908       | Spring, summer, fall              | Applicants who are current students in M.A. Counseling programs:  
  • Certificate in Addiction Counseling application  
 Applicants who are not current Counselor Education students:  
  • Graduate degree in counseling or a closely-related mental health field  
  • GPA of 3.0  
  • Certificate in Addiction Counseling application  
  • Essay (instructions on Counselor Education application)  
  • Resume  
  See Counselor Education website for detailed information. |
| Couple and Family Counseling Certificate                                            | G907       | Spring, summer, fall              | Applicants who are current students in M.A. Counseling programs:  
  • Couple and Family Counseling application  
 Applicants who are not current Counselor Education students:  
  • Graduate degree in counseling or a closely-related mental health degree that meets the academic and clinical requirements for licensure as a master’s level mental health professional  
  • Counselor Education application  
  • Essay (instructions on Counselor Education application)  
  • Resume  
  See Counselor Education website for detailed information. |
| Accounting, M.S.                                                                   | GB02       | Spring, summer, fall              | GMAT (450 points minimum) or GRE Scores (149 points on each part, quantitative and verbal)  
  • Resume or curriculum vitae |
| Business Administration, M.B.A.                                                   | GB03       | Spring, summer, fall              | GMAT (450 points minimum) or GRE Scores (149 points on each part, quantitative and verbal)  
  • Resume or curriculum vitae |
All documents must be sent to Graduate Admissions by the application deadlines. Some programs have earlier deadlines.

**Domestic Deadlines**
- **Fall Semester:** July 15
- **Spring Semester:** November 1
- **Summer Semester:** April 1

**International Deadlines**
- **Fall Semester:** June 15
- **Spring Semester:** October 1
- **Summer Semester:** March 1

**Document checklist for graduate admission:**
- Application
- Fee (*Please do not send cash.*)
- Statement of Goals and Objectives (2 pages)
- 2 letters of recommendation
- Official transcripts from all colleges/universities
- Additional documents required by the program you are applying to (if no additional documents are required, disregard.)

**Send documents to:**
Graduate Admissions
Northeastern Illinois University
5500 North St. Louis Avenue
Chicago, IL 60625
Master’s and Graduate Certificate or Licensure Program Admission Application

Please provide legal name. Using shortened, abbreviated or nicknames will cause delays in processing and may require you to submit proof of legal name.

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Telephone Number (_____)_________________ Cell Phone Number (_____)_________________ May we contact you through cell phone text messaging?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

Email Address ________________________ Birth Date: Month ______ Day ______ Year ______

Please print clearly. We will communicate with you via email regarding your application status. Your email address is also used to create your application portal login.

Gender: ☐ Male  ☐ Female  ☐ Trans  ☐ Non-binary  ☐ Prefer not to disclose  ☐ Other

Emergency Contact ______________________ Phone (_____)_________________ Relationship ______________________

Citizenship:  
☐ U.S. Citizen  ☐ Visa or International (Provide visa information to the right)  
☐ Visa Type _________  ☐ Expiration _________  ☐ Country of Citizenship _________  
☐ Permanent Resident  ☐ Adjustment of Status/Other  
☐ Refugee/Asylum  ☐ Undocumented

The application semester may be changed one time per application, provided the request is made prior to the start of the original semester.

Semester applying for:  
☐ Fall  ☐ Spring  ☐ Full Summer  
Year: _________  
Program Code: _________  
Concentration Code: _________  
(Additional Requirement and Program codes)  
(Secondary Education only)

Applicant type:  
☐ Master’s Program  ☐ Graduate Certificate or Licensure Program  
☐ Master’s Program Readmission  ☐ Graduate Certificate or Licensure Program Readmission

For Music, M.A. candidates only: Please list primary instrument or voice type: ______________________

Additional Information

Have you previously attended Northeastern?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No  
If yes, when did you last attend? ______________________

Are you a resident of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri or Wisconsin?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, on active duty, a Reservist, or in the National Guard?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

Are you the spouse or dependent child of a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

Information in this section is being requested so that we may demonstrate compliance with federal requirements. Your response will not affect the admission decision.

Are you Hispanic or Latino/Latina (Person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race)?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

Select one or more of the following races:  
☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native  ☐ Asian  ☐ Black or African American  ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander  ☐ White

Do you identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or questioning (LGBTQ)?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

Have either of your parents/guardians completed a bachelor’s degree or higher?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

Are you interested in campus housing?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No
List all colleges, universities or post-secondary schools (including trade school) attended, regardless of accreditation. Failure to do so may result in dismissal from the University. Please list in reverse chronological order, beginning with the most recent school attended. Attach additional sheet if necessary.

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**Admission Application Certification**

This application must be signed by the applicant before any action can be taken by the Admissions Office. I understand that withholding information requested on this application, including attendance at any other institution or giving false information, may make me ineligible for admission to Northeastern Illinois University and that my admission may be rescinded and class registration canceled, if already admitted. I have read and understand all instructions and information on this application. I understand that, during the admission process, Northeastern may communicate information intended only for me at the personal email account listed on this application. I certify that the statements I have made on this application are correct and complete.

Applicant Signature

Date of Signature

**Mail Application to:**

Graduate Admissions  
Northeastern Illinois University  
Graduate Admissions  
5500 North St. Louis Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60625-4699

**Contact the Graduate Admissions Office**

Telephone: (773) 442-6001  
Email: graduateadmissions@neiu.edu  
Website: neiu.edu/admissions  
Fax: (773) 442-4020

**For Office Use Only:**

Form of payment: Cash ☐ Check ☐ Waiver ☐ Credit Card ☐ Online  
Payment verified by: Initials ___________ Date ___________

Changeover/Deferment requested: ☐ Semester ___________ Date ___________ Processed by ___________
Applicant's Name (please print) ________________________________

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☐ I waive my rights as stated above. ☐ I do not waive my right to review the letter of recommendation/form.

Date ____________________________  Applicant’s Signature ____________________________

PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM TO YOUR RECOMMENDER. NOTE: Both this form and separate letter of recommendation required.

Recommender Information

Recommender’s Name, Position or Title (Please print.) ________________________________  Name of Institution or Business ________________________________

Phone ____________________________  Email Address ________________________________

How long have you known the recommender? ________________________________

In what capacity do you know the recommender? ________________________________

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