



City Colleges of Chicago Transfer Guide
Associate of Arts to Bachelor of Arts in
Early Childhood Education
Licensure Track – Birth to 2nd Grade
Available at:
NEIU Main Campus (Chicago, IL)

Why Choose Northeastern?

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.

Northeastern offers more than 50 undergraduate degree and certificate programs, with classes on weekdays, evenings, weekends, and online. Small class sizes allow for students to pursue a more personal academic experience in one of the most ethnically diverse universities in the nation.

Early Childhood Education (Licensure Track) Program Description

The Early Childhood Education Program offers a course of study leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree. The major in Early Childhood Education consists of 54 credit hours, including two 100-hour clinical experiences at different age levels of early childhood. Each clinical includes a 3-credit weekly lecture to provide more in-depth examination of field experiences and on time field relevant topics.

In addition, students are required to pursue endorsement in TESOL or BLBC (please contact the TESOL program advisor or ECED program advisor for BLBC endorsement requirements).

Students who complete this program qualify for Early Childhood licensure. Upon licensure, they are eligible to teach early childhood (birth-2nd grade).

Contact Information

Northeastern Illinois University Transfer Center: Students who have questions about the program prior to admission may contact the Northeastern 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.
- Application materials, including the option to apply online can be found at www.neiu.edu/Transfer.
- Application deadlines are as follows:

Semester Applying	Deadline to Apply	International Student Deadline to Apply
Fall	August 1	June 15
Spring	December 1	October 1
Summer I	April 1	March 1
Summer II	May 1	April 1

General Education Requirements

Three options are available to students who plan to complete their General Education requirements at City Colleges of Chicago.

- **Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree:** Students who transfer with an approved Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) Model Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree will have met Northeastern Illinois University's General Education requirements. For information regarding completing an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science at CCC, including assistance with course selection, please visit Advising Services at CCC. More information is available at their website (<http://www.ccc.edu/departments/Pages/Advising.aspx>) or by calling (773) 265-5343.
- **Completion of the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI):** Students who transfer after completing the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) will have met their General Education requirements.
- **Transfer Course Lists for City Colleges of Chicago:** Students may choose to meet their General Education requirements by selecting courses from Northeastern's [Transfer Course Equivalency Guides](#). **When choosing this option, please use the following Northeastern Illinois University General Education guide:**

Northeastern Illinois University General Education Program		
The General Education Program for Early Childhood Education requires 55 credit hours of courses distributed among 5 areas.		
Northeastern Illinois University Requirement	Credits	City Colleges of Chicago Equivalent (if any)
Fine Arts 2 courses	6	*Please review the Transfer Course Equivalency Guide for a listing of courses with the Fine Arts designation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Note: No more than one course from the same department may be used.</i>
Humanities & Literature (3 courses) 3 hours in Literature 6 hours in Humanities	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One English Literature course. • Two Humanities courses. *Please review the Transfer Course Equivalency Guide for a listing of courses with Literature and Humanities designations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Note: No more than two courses from any department may be used.</i>
Social and Behavioral Sciences 4 courses	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political Science: POL SCI 201 at City Colleges. • One US History: HISTORY 111 or 112 at City Colleges. • One non-US, non-Western class: HISTORY 212, 215, 225, 243, 247, or ANTHRO 202 at City Colleges. • One elective. *Please review the Transfer Course Equivalency Guide for a listing of courses with the Social and Behavioral Sciences designation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Note: No more than two courses from any department may be used.</i>
Natural Sciences 3 – 4 courses	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 hours must be completed in 3 categories: Life Science (Biology), Physical Science (Chemistry, Physics) and Earth/Space Science (Astronomy, Earth Science, Environmental Science, etc.) At least one of these courses must be a lab. *Please review the Transfer Course Equivalency Guide for a listing of courses with the Natural Sciences designation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Note: No more than two courses from any department may be used.</i>

<p>Additional Requirements 6 courses</p>	<p>16</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ENGLISH 101 and 102 at City Colleges with grades of “C” or higher. College level math course can be met by taking MATH 118 or higher at City Colleges with a grade of “C” or higher. CHLD DV 107 at City Colleges. 1 hour in Physical Education activity at City Colleges. SPEECH 101 or SPEECH 143 at City Colleges with a grade “C” or higher.
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Degree Plan*

Semester-by-Semester Program Plan for Full-Time Students					
*All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding additional semesters					
D: Degree GECC: General Education Core Curriculum					
D	GECC	Semester I	CCC Category	NEIU Category	Next Actions
•	•	ENGLISH 101 – Composition I (3)	Communication	Writing Requirement ECED General Education – ENGL 101	<p>DO THIS – Meet with advisor to discuss academic goals and plan coursework</p> <p>DO THIS – Visit your campus Advising Center</p>
•		CHLD DV 107 – Health, Safety & Nutrition (3)	Program Course	ECED General Education – HSCI 107	
•		CHLD DV 120 – Intro to Early Childhood Educ Group Care (3)	Program Course	Elective	
•	•	ANTHRO 202, HISTORY 212, 215, 225, 243 or 247 (3)	Social Science Human Diversity	General Education ECED General Education – Non-Western Course	
•	•	LIT 130 – Children’s Literature (3)	Humanities	General Education ECED General Education – English Lit	
15 Credit Hours					
D	GECC	Semester II	CCC Category	NEIU Category	Next Actions
•		CHLD DV 101 – Human Growth & Development I (4)	Program Course	Professional Sequence – EDFN 303	<p>DO THIS – Mid-term check-in with advisor</p> <p>DO THIS – Apply to NEIU’s Guaranteed Admission Program (GAP)</p>
•	•	ENGLISH 102 – Composition II (3)	Communication	ECED General Education	
•	•	College Level MATH Course (3-4)	Mathematics	Math/Quantitative Reasoning	
•	•	Humanities Elective (3)	Humanities	General Education	
•	•	HISTORY 111 – Hist of American People to 1865 or HISTORY 112 – Hist of American People from 1865 (3)	Social Science	General Education ECED General Education – HIST 214 or 215	
16-17 Credit Hours					
D	GECC	Semester III	CCC Category	NEIU Category	Next Actions
•	•	SPEECH 101 – Fund of Speech Communication (3)	Communication	General Education ECED General Education	<p>DO THIS – Mid-term check-in with advisor</p> <p>DO THIS – Begin seeking additional four-year funding</p> <p>DO THIS – Apply for admission to NEIU</p>
•	•	Life Sciences Course with Lab (4)	Life Sciences	General Education	
•	•	Social Science Elective (3)	Social Science	ECED General Education	
•	•	Fine Arts Elective (3)	Fine Arts	General Education	
•		CHLD DV 142 Methods & Materials for Infant Toddler Care (3)	Program Course Prerequisite	Elective	
16 Credit Hours					
D	GECC	Semester IV	CCC Category	NEIU Category	Next Actions
•		CHLD DV 262 – Child, Family & Community Relations (3)	Program Course	Professional Sequence – EDFN 316	<p>DO THIS – Petition to graduate</p> <p>COMPLETION of Associate of Arts Degree</p> <p>DO THIS – Register for NEIU orientation (once admitted)</p>
•	•	Physical Sciences Course with Lab (4)	Physical Sciences	General Education	
•		CHLD DV 248 – Principles & Practice of Infant & Toddler Care (4)	Program Course	Professional Sequence – ECED 327A	
•	•	POL SCI 201 – National Government (3)	Social Science	General Education ECED General Education – PSCI 216	
•		Physical Education Activity Course (1)	Elective	ECED General Education	
14 Credit Hours					
MINIMUM TOTAL AA CREDIT HOURS: 60					
WRITTEN DEGREE PLAN CREDIT RANGE: 61-62					

Note:

- All students who earn an Associate of Arts Degree from City Colleges of Chicago enter Northeastern with 64 hours of transfer credit, even if they have earned fewer than 64 credit hours. See the [NEIU Transfer Policy](#) for further information.
- Professional Sequence courses are courses that are a part of the Early Childhood Education major and are taken in the sequence listed below.
- A minor in either Bilingual Education or Teaching English as a Second Language is required for all Early Childhood Education majors.
- The Early Childhood Education department requires some specific general education courses, as well as additional general education beyond what is required by the university.

Northeastern Illinois University		
<i>All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding additional semesters</i>		
Semester I – Block 1	NEIU Category	
EDFN 302 Philosophical and Historical Foundations of Early Childhood Education (3)	Professional Sequence	DO THIS – Meet with your Goodwin College of Education advisor
Natural Science Physical Science or Earth/Space Science Course (whichever has not been taken at CCC) (3)	ECED General Education	
Minor Elective (3)	Minor Requirement	
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12 Credit Hours		
Semester II – Block 2	NEIU Category	Next Actions
ECED 301 Curriculum and Instruction in Early Childhood (3)	Professional Sequence	DO THIS – Meet with your Goodwin College of Education advisor
ECED 306 Methods of Teaching Reading in Early Childhood (3)	Professional Sequence	
ECED 313 WIP: Language Development and Educational Implications (3)	Professional Sequence	
Minor Elective (3)	Minor Requirement	
Minor Elective (3)	Minor Requirement	
15 Credit Hours		
Semester III – Block 3	NEIU Category	Next Actions
ECED 338 Development Assessment of Young Children (3)	Professional Sequence	DO THIS – Meet with your Goodwin College of Education advisor DO THIS – Apply for your clinical experience
ECED 355 Methods of Teaching Mathematics, Science and Social Science in Early Childhood (3)	Professional Sequence	
BLBC 340 Teaching English Learners in Diverse Classrooms (3)	Professional Sequence	
Minor Elective (3)	Minor Requirement	
Minor Elective (3)	Minor Requirement	
15 Credit Hours		
Semester IV – Block 4	NEIU Category	Next Actions
ECED 325 Children’s Literature Across the Curriculum (3)	Professional Sequence	DO THIS – Meet with your Goodwin College of Education advisor DO THIS – Apply for graduation DO THIS – Meet with Career Services for career counseling
ECED 352 Methods of Teaching Language Arts, Music and Art in Early Childhood (3)	Professional Sequence	
ECED 327B Clinical Experiences in Early Childhood Education – Kindergarten to 2 nd Grade (3)	Professional Sequence	
SPED 382 Strategies for Differentiating Instruction for Students with Exceptional Learning Needs (3)	Professional Sequence	
12 Credit Hours		
Semester V – Block 5	NEIU Category	Next Actions
ECED 329 Student Teaching in Early Childhood Education (9)	Professional Sequence	COMPLETION of Bachelor of Arts Degree
9 Credit Hours		
BACHELOR’S DEGREE MINIMUM TOTAL: 127 CREDIT HOURS		

Approved Minors/Areas of Concentration: (Minimum 18 hours)

All Early Childhood Education students must complete a minor in either TESL (Teaching English as a Second Language) or BLBC (Bilingual/Bicultural Education).

Financial Aid and Scholarships

For information about financing your education at Northeastern, including Financial Aid and Scholarship opportunities, please see our website: <http://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*:

Scholarship	Amount Awarded	Credit Hour Requirement	GPA Requirement	Residency Requirement	NEIU Enrollment Requirement
Provost Merit	\$2,000	60+ credit hours	3.50 GPA	Illinois Residency	Full-Time (12+ credit hours)
Deans Merit	\$1,000	60+ credit hours	3.0 GPA	Illinois Residency	Full-Time (12+ credit hours)

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.