

South Suburban College Transfer Guide Bachelor of Arts in Special Education

Available at: NEIU Main Campus (Chicago, IL) El Centro (Chicago, IL)

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Northeastern offers more than 40 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.

Special Education Program Description

The major in Special Education is designed to prepare undergraduate candidates to become highly proficient in the delivery of instruction and services to all school aged children and adolescents with exceptionalities. The program consists of a 48 credit hour major plus a 24 credit hour cognate (in lieu of a minor). Candidates are selected each October to begin studies in the subsequent spring semester as a cohort. Most coursework is offered during daytime hours.

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.

Special Education Department: Additional information may be obtained by contacting Effie Kritikos at e-kritikos@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:

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

Admission Requirements for the Daniel L. Goodwin College of Education for Special Education

- A spontaneous writing sample and/or interview required at the discretion of the Department.
- A minimum of 20 hours working, volunteering or observing students with disabilities. Documentation must be on agency letterhead.
- A minimum 2.75 GPA
- A minimum 30 semester hours (this can be transfer coursework or courses taken at Northeastern)
- Background check
- One of the following test criteria must be met before the anticipated semester of student teaching:
 - o Passing scores on the Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP) <u>www.icts.nesinc.com</u>
 - ACT (taken prior to 9/1/2015), composite score of 22 or higher with a minimum score of 19 on Combined English/Writing
 - ACT (taken between 9/1/2015 and 9/9/2016), composite score of 22 or higher with a minimum score of 16 on Writing
 - ACT (taken after 9/9/2016), composite score of 22 or higher with a minimum score of 6 on Writing
 - SAT (taken prior to 3/5/2016), composite score of 1030 (Critical Reading and Mathematics = 1030 or higher) with a minimum score of 450 on Writing
 - SAT (taken after 3/5/2016), composite score of 1110 (Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and Mathematics = 1110 or higher) with a minimum score of 26 on Writing and Language

General Education Requirements

Three options are available to students who plan to complete their General Education requirements at South Suburban Community College.

- Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree: Students who transfer with an approved Illinois Community
 College Board (ICCB) Model Associate of Arts degree will have met Northeastern Illinois University's General
 Education requirements. Students who transfer with an Associate of Science degree granted December 2016 or
 later may need to take one additional Humanities course and one additional Social and Behavioral Sciences course
 to meet Northeastern's General Education requirements.
- 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 South Suburban College: Students may choose to meet their General Education requirements by selecting courses from Northeastern's Transfer Course Equivalency Guides, available at:
 <u>www.neiu.edu/Transfer</u>. 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 Special Education requires a minimum of 45 credit hours of courses distributed among 6				
areas.				
Northeastern Illinois University Requirement Credits South Suburban College Equivalent (if any)				
Math / Quantitative Reasoning – one course (3 hours)	3	This requirement can be met by taking MTH 115 or higher at South Suburban College with a grade of "C" or better.		
Social / Behavioral Sciences 3 courses (9 hours)	9	No more than two courses from the same department may be used.		
Natural Sciences 3 courses (9 hours)	9	 No more than two courses from the same department may be used. One course must have a lab component. 		
Fine Arts 2 courses (6 hours)	6	No more than one course from the same department may be used.		

Humanities 3 courses (9 hours)	9	 No more than two courses from the same department may be used. No more than two foreign language courses may be used to fulfill this requirement.
Non-General Education University Requirements (9-12 hours)	9-12	 ENG 101 Composition & Rhetoric at South Suburban College with a grade of "C" or better. ENG 102 Composition & Literature at South Suburban College with a grade of "C" or better. SPE 108 Oral Communication at South Suburban College with a grade of "C" or better. Improving Human Relations requirement – can be met through one of many general education courses. Please see the South Suburban College Transfer Course Equivalency Guide to find courses meeting Human Relations.

Degree Plan*

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•	•	ENG 101 Composition & Rhetoric (3)	Communication	Writing Requirement	DO THIS – Meet with advisor to
				Teacher Licensure	discuss academic goals and plan
•	•	Social Science Course (3)	Social Science	General Education	coursework
•	•	Fine Arts Course (3)	Humanities/Fine Arts	General Education	DO THE Visit your comput
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	,		•	15 Credit Hours	
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,	•	ENG 102 Composition & Literature (3)	Communication	Teacher Licensure	DO THIS – Mid-term check-in with
,	•	Life Science or Physical Science Course (3-4)	Life/Physical Science	General Education	advisor
•	•	College Level MTH Course (3-4)	Mathematics	Math/Quantitative Reasoning Teacher Licensure	DO THIS – Apply to NEIU's Guaranteed Admission Program
,	•	SPE 108 Oral Communication (3)	Communication	General Education Teacher Licensure	(GAP)
,		Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective	
				15-17 Credit Hours	
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,	•	Life Science or Physical Science Course (3-4)	Life/Physical Science	General Education	DO THIS – Mid-term check-in with advisor
,	•	Social Science Course (3)	Social Science	General Education	
1	•	Humanities or Fine Arts Course (3)	Humanities/Fine Arts	General Education	DO THIS – Begin seeking addition four year funding
		Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective	1
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				15-16 Credit Hours	NEIU
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)	•	Social Science Course (3)	Social Science	General Education	DO THIS – Petition to graduate
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Note:

- Students must apply to the Daniel L. Goodwin College of Education once they are admitted to Northeastern. See requirements and process on Page 2.
- The Special Education program selects students in October, and each cohort begins taking major classes in the subsequent spring semester. Students should apply to Northeastern for the fall semester and take TESL 301 during their first semester, while they transition into the program.
- All students who earn an Associate of Arts Degree from South Suburban College enter Northeastern with 64 hours
 of transfer credit, even if they earned less than 64 credit hours. See the <u>NEIU Transfer Policy</u> for further
 information.
- Professional Sequence courses are courses that are a part of the Special Education major and are taken in the sequence listed below.
- Teacher Licensure courses are courses required by the State of Illinois to be licensed to teach Special Education.

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

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