



**City Colleges of Chicago Transfer Guide**  
**Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education**  
 with optional Bilingual Education Endorsement

**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.

**Elementary Education Program Description**

The Elementary Education Program provides students with knowledge of philosophical and psychological elements of teaching and learning, general and specific methods of instruction, and clinical intern experiences of at least 200 hours in local schools prior to the full-day student teaching experience. Students who complete this program qualify for elementary education licensure. Upon licensure, they are eligible to teach elementary school (grades 1-6).

**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](mailto: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](http://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 Elementary Education requires a minimum of 54 credit hours of courses distributed among 6 areas.		
Area	Credits	Notes
Fine Arts	6	<i>Note: No more than one course from any department can be used to complete this requirement.</i>
Humanities	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 hour English Literature course</li> <li>• 6 additional hours of Humanities courses</li> </ul> <i>Note: No more than two courses from any department can be used to complete this requirement.</i>
Social and Behavioral Science	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Political Science: POL SCI 201 at CCC</li> <li>• U.S. History: HISTORY 111 or 112 at CCC</li> <li>• Geography: GEOG 101 at CCC</li> <li>• Non-U.S. History, non-Political Science, or non-Geography Social Science course</li> </ul> <i>Note: No more than two courses from any department can be used to complete this requirement.</i>
Natural Sciences	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Life Science course (Biology)</li> <li>• A Physical Science course (Chemistry or Physics)</li> <li>• An Earth Science course (Earth Science or Astronomy)</li> </ul> <i>Note: One Natural Science course must be a lab course.</i>
Mathematics	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MATH 121 Math for Elementary Teachers I at CCC</li> <li>• MATH 122 Math for Elementary Teachers II at CCC</li> </ul>
Additional Requirements	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ENGLISH 101 <b>and</b> 102 at CCC with grades C or higher</li> <li>• SPEECH 101 <b>or</b> SPEECH 143 at CCC with a grade C or higher</li> </ul>

**Degree Plan\***

D: Degree GECC: General Education Core Curriculum					
<b>Semester-by-Semester Program Plan for Full-Time Students</b> <i>*All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding additional semesters</i>					
D	GECC	Semester 1	CCC Category	NEIU Category	Next Actions
•	•	ENGLISH 101 – English Composition I (3)	Communication	Writing Requirement Teacher Licensure	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with advisor to discuss academic goals and plan coursework  <b>DO THIS</b> – Visit your campus Advising Center
•	•	Biology Course (3-4)	Life Science	General Education Teacher Licensure	
•	•	HISTORY 111 or 112 – History of American People To/From 1865 (3)	Social Science	General Education Teacher Licensure	
•		Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective	
•		EDUC 101 – Introduction to Education (3)	Elective	Professional Sequence – EDFN 305	
<b>15-16 Credit Hours</b>					
D	GECC	Semester 2	CCC Category	NEIU Category	Next Actions
•	•	SPEECH 101 – Fundamentals of Speech Communication (3)	Communication	General Education Teacher Licensure	<b>DO THIS</b> – Mid-term check-in with advisor  <b>DO THIS</b> – <a href="#">Apply</a> to NEIU’s Guaranteed Admission Program (GAP)
•	•	MATH 121 – Math for Elementary Teachers I (4)	Mathematics	Math/Quantitative Reasoning Teacher Licensure	
•	•	Literature Course (3)	Humanities	General Education Teacher Licensure	
•	•	ENGLISH 102 – English Composition II (3)	Communication	Teacher Licensure	
•	•	POL SCI 201 – The National Government (3)	Social Science	General Education Teacher Licensure	
<b>16 Credit Hours</b>					
D	GECC	Semester 3	CCC Category	NEIU Category	Next Actions
•	•	Chemistry, Physics or Physical Science Course (3-4)	Physical Science	General Education Teacher Licensure	<b>DO THIS</b> – Mid-term check-in with advisor  <b>DO THIS</b> – Begin seeking additional four year funding  <b>DO THIS</b> – <a href="#">Apply for admission</a> to NEIU
•	•	Social Science Course (3) – any non-U.S. History, non-Political Science, or non-Geography social science	Social Science Human Diversity	General Education Teacher Licensure	
•	•	MATH 122 – Math for Elementary Teachers II (4)	Mathematics	Math/Quantitative Reasoning Teacher Licensure	
•	•	Humanities or Fine Arts Course (3)	Humanities/Fine Arts	General Education	
<b>13-14 Credit Hours</b>					
D	GECC	Semester 4	CCC Category	NEIU Category	Next Actions
•	•	Earth Science or Astronomy Course (3-4)	Physical Science	General Education Teacher Licensure	<b>DO THIS</b> – Petition to graduate  <b>COMPLETION</b> of Associate of Arts Degree  <b>DO THIS</b> – <a href="#">Register for NEIU orientation</a> (once admitted)
•	•	GEOG 101 – World Geography (3)	Social Science	General Education Teacher Licensure	
•	•	Fine Arts Course (3)	Fine Arts	General Education	
•		Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective	
•		Elective Course (3)	Elective	Elective	
<b>15-16 Credit Hours</b>					
<b>MINIMUM TOTAL AA CREDIT HOURS: 60</b> <b>WRITTEN DEGREE PLAN CREDIT RANGE: 60-62</b>					

**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 earned less than 64 credit hours. See the [NEIU Transfer Policy](#) for further information.
- Teacher Licensure courses are courses required by the State of Illinois to be licensed to teach Elementary Education.

- Students who wish to earn a Bilingual Education Endorsement must take an additional four course sequence, which is outlined below. A student may complete the Elementary Education program without pursuing this additional endorsement.
- All professional sequence courses must be completed with a grade of “B” or better.

<b>Northeastern Illinois University</b>		
<i>All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding additional semesters</i>		
Semester 5	NEIU Category	Next Actions
EDFN 306 – Education and Individual Differences (3)	Professional Sequence	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with your Goodwin College of Education advisor <b>DO THIS</b> – Declare your major in Elementary Education
Elective Course (3)	Elective	
Elective Course (2)	Elective	
<b>8 Credit Hours</b>		
Semester 6	NEIU Category	Next Actions
ELED 308 – Instructional Design (3)	Professional Sequence	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with your Goodwin College of Education advisor
SPED 382 – Strategies for Differentiating Instruction for Students with Exceptional Learning Needs (3)	Professional Sequence	
ELED 302 – WIP: Foundations of Teaching the English Language Arts (3)	Professional Sequence	<b>DO THIS</b> – Apply for your first clinical experience
ELED 310 – Methods of Teaching Math in Elem Grades (3)	Professional Sequence	
<b>12 Credit Hours</b>		
Semester 7	NEIU Category	Next Actions
BLBC 339 – Culturally Responsive Teaching in Diverse Classrooms (3)	Professional Sequence	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with your Goodwin College of Education advisor
ELED 328A – Clinical Experiences (3)	Professional Sequence	
ELED 313 – Literature and Literacy in the Content Areas (3)	Professional Sequence	<b>DO THIS</b> – Apply for graduation
ELED 305 – Teaching Science in Elem School (3)	Professional Sequence	
ELED 304 – Inquiry Based Social Studies in Elem Grades (3)	Professional Sequence	
<b>15 Credit Hours</b>		
Semester 8	NEIU Category	Next Actions
ELED 306 – Methods of Literacy Instruction (3)	Professional Sequence	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with your Goodwin College of Education advisor
ELED 328B – Clinical Experience (3)	Professional Sequence	
ELED 316 – Critical Issues in Education (3)	Professional Sequence	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with Career Services for career counseling
BLBC 340 – Teaching English Learners in Diverse Classrooms (3)	Professional Sequence	
<b>12 Credit Hours</b>		
Semester 9	NEIU Category	Next Actions
ELED 329 Student Teaching in Elementary Grades (9)	Professional Sequence	<b>DO THIS</b> – Meet with your Goodwin College of Education advisor
<b>9 Credit Hours</b>		
<b>BACHELOR’S DEGREE MINIMUM TOTAL: 120 CREDIT HOURS</b>		

Additional Courses Needed for Bilingual Education Endorsement (Optional)	NEIU Category	Next Actions
BLBC 338 – Bilingualism and Education (3)	Bilingual Education Endorsement – Optional	<b>IMPORTANT NOTE</b> – These courses and the Bilingual Education Endorsement are <b>optional</b> . Speak to your Goodwin College of Education advisor to determine if you would like to pursue this endorsement.
BLBC 341 – Methods of Teaching in Bilingual Classrooms (3)	Bilingual Education Endorsement – Optional	
BLBC 342 – Assessment in the Bilingual Classroom (3)	Bilingual Education Endorsement – Optional	Students who choose this path do not need the elective courses in Semester 5 from above.
TESL 301 – The English Language for Teachers (3)	Bilingual Education Endorsement – Optional	
<b>12 Credit Hours (Optional)</b>		
<b>Bachelor’s Degree in Elementary Education with an Endorsement in Bilingual Education: 127 CREDIT HOURS</b>		

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:scholarships@neiu.edu).*