



**Elgin Community College Transfer Guide  
Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education**  
Available at:  
NEIU Main Campus (Chicago, IL)  
[Elementary Education Department Website](#)

**Elementary Education Program Description**

The program in Elementary Education consists of 56 hours in professional courses, which are divided into 4 levels. Students who complete this program qualify for a Professional Educator License endorsed in Elementary Education (1-6).

**Contact Information**

**Northeastern Illinois University Transfer Center:** Students who have questions about the can contact the Northeastern Transfer Center at (773) 442-4076 or email [TransferSteps@neiu.edu](mailto:TransferSteps@neiu.edu). We look forward to working with you!

**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:

		<i>International Applicants</i>
<b>Fall</b>	July 15	June 1
<b>Spring</b>	November 1	October 1
<b>Summer I</b>	April 1	March 1
<b>Summer II</b>	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 Illinois University's general education requirements.
- A maximum of 64 semester hours may be transferred to Northeastern 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](http://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](http://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 specific Elementary Education requirements below)
- 2.) **English 101 or equivalent (grade of “C” or higher):** At ECC, take ENG 101 – 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.

<b>Total Hours to Graduation: 120 Credit Hours</b>	
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	55 Credit Hours
Professional Sequence (Elementary Education Major Courses)	56 Credit Hours
Area of Concentration or Electives	9 Credit Hours

**Daniel L Goodwin College of Education General Education/Teacher Licensure Courses: 55 Credit Hours**

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

Area	Credits	Notes
<b>Fine Arts</b>	6	* Please review the Transfer Course Equivalency Guide for a listing of courses with the Fine Arts designation.  <i>Note: No more than one course from any department can be used to complete this requirement.</i>
<b>Humanities</b>	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 hour English Literature course</li> <li>• 6 additional hours of Humanities courses</li> </ul> * Please review the Transfer Course Equivalency Guide for a listing of courses with the Humanities designation.  <i>Note: No more than two courses from any department can be used to complete this requirement.</i>
<b>Social and Behavioral Science</b>	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Political Science: POS 150 at ECC</li> <li>• U.S. History: HIS 151 or 152 at ECC</li> <li>• Non-U.S., non-Western course: ATR 220, INS 131, 133, 135 or 138 at ECC</li> <li>• Geography: GEO 116 at ECC</li> </ul> <i>Note: No more than two courses from any department can be used to complete this requirement.</i>
<b>Natural Sciences</b>	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>
<b>Mathematics</b>	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MATH 149 at Northeastern</li> <li>• MATH 150 at Northeastern</li> </ul> <i>Note: Students who take MTH 110 &amp; MTH 113 at ECC will need to take MATH 151 at Northeastern.</i>
<b>Additional Requirements</b>	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ENG 101 <b>AND</b> 102 at ECC with grades C or higher</li> <li>• CMS 101 <b>OR</b> THE 144 at ECC with a grade C or higher</li> </ul>

**\*Please visit [www.neiu.edu/Transfer](http://www.neiu.edu/Transfer) and click on the Transfer Course Equivalency Link to view list of courses.**

**Elementary Education Professional Sequence (ELED): 56 Credit Hours**

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

Course	Credits	Elgin Community College Equivalent (if any)
<b>Program Prerequisites</b>		
<b>EDFN 305</b> – Philosophical and Historical Foundations of Public Education <b>EDFN 306</b> – Education and Individual Differences	6	<b>PSY 211</b> – Educational Psychology is equivalent to EDFN 306 at Northeastern if EDFN 206 (1 credit hour) is also taken at Northeastern.
<b>*Level I</b> <b>ELED 300</b> – Instructional Design in the 21st Century Classroom <b>SPED 317</b> – Inclusive Teaching Strategies <b>ELED 302</b> – WIP: Foundations of Teaching the English Language Arts <i>(This course can only be taken at Northeastern)</i> <b>ELED 310</b> – Methods of Teaching and Learning Mathematics in the Elementary Grades	9	<i>No Equivalencies at Elgin Community College.</i>

<p><b>*Level II</b></p> <p><b>ELED 303</b> – Children's and Young Adult Literature  <b>ELED 309</b> – Content Area Literacy  <b>ELED 328A</b> – Clinical Experience in Elementary Education  <b>BLBC 339</b> – Culturally Responsive Teaching in Diverse Classrooms  <b>ELED 305</b> – Elementary Science</p>	12	<i>No Equivalencies at Elgin Community College.</i>
<p><b>*Level III</b></p> <p><b>ELED 320</b> – Classroom Management  <b>ELED 342</b> – Classroom Assessment  <b>ELED 306</b> – Methods of Literacy Instruction  <b>ELED 328B</b> – Clinical Experience in Elementary Education</p>	9	<i>No Equivalencies at Elgin Community College.</i>
<p><b>*Level IV</b></p> <p><b>ELED 329</b> – Student Teaching in Elementary Classrooms  <b>EDFN 308</b> – Teaching and Learning</p>	9	<i>No Equivalencies at Elgin Community College.</i>
<p><b><u>Floating courses must be completed before Level IV:</u></b></p> <p><b>BLBC 340</b> – Methods of Teaching English Learners  <b>EDFN 343</b> – Using Technology in Classrooms  <b>ELED 304</b> – Inquiry Based Social Studies in the Elementary Grades  <b>PEMT 235</b> – Teaching Physical and Health Education Concepts for Classroom Teachers</p>	11	<i>No Equivalencies at Elgin Community College.</i>

**Elementary Education Program Graduation Criteria:**

- Completion of all Northeastern and Goodwin 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 3.0.

In order for students to be entitled by Northeastern Illinois University for a Professional Educator License with an endorsement in Elementary Education (1-6), they must have received a “B” or better in student teaching and have passed the Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP) and the ILTS Content Area Test Elementary Grades 1-6 (197-200). In order for students to be licensed by the Illinois State Board of Education, they will need to have passed the edTPA.

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

**Area of Concentration – 9 Credit Hours**

The Area of Concentration consists of 9 credit hours chosen in consultation with your Elementary Education advisor. This requirement consists of courses in an area of interest, an area in which the student would like to gain endorsement, or a content area in which the student plans to teach.

**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/](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:**

**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. For more information, contact the Office of Scholarships at (773) 442-4606 or [scholarships@neiu.edu](mailto:scholarships@neiu.edu).*