



**Oakton Community College Transfer Guide
 Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood
 Education ECED
 Available at:
 NEIU Main Campus (Chicago, IL)**

Early Childhood Education Program Description

The program in Early Childhood Education (ECED) consists of 43 hrs in professional courses, which are divided into 5 levels. A minor from an approved list, is also necessary to complete the program in Early Childhood Education at Northeastern Illinois University. Students who complete this program qualify for a Professional Educator License with an endorsement in Early Childhood Education (birth-grade 3).

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:

		<i>International Applicants</i>
Fall	July 1	June 1
Spring	November 1	October 1
Summer I	April 1	March 1
Summer II	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.

Admission Requirements for the Daniel L Goodwin College of Education

- Passing scores on the Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP) 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).
- A background check.

Northeastern Illinois University Degree Requirements

- 1.) **General Education:** 36 credit hours (see specific Early Childhood Education program requirements below)
- 2.) **English 101 or equivalent (grade of “C” or higher):** At Oakton, 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 Early Childhood Education fulfill this requirement by taking ECED 313 – WIP: Language Development and Acquisition.
- 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.

Daniel L Goodwin College of Education General Education Courses		
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. These requirements must be met in order to obtain a Professional Educator License in Early Childhood Education through the state.		
Northeastern Illinois University Requirement	Credits	Oakton Community College Equivalent (if any)
Fine Arts and Music (2 courses) 3 hrs in Art 3 hrs in Music	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Art course at Oakton (3 credit hours). • One Music course at Oakton (3 credit hours). *Please review the Transfer Course Equivalency Guide for a listing of courses with the Fine Arts designation.
Humanities & Literature (3 courses) 3 hrs in Literature 6 hrs 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 the Literature designation. *Please review the Transfer Course Equivalency Guide for a listing of courses with the Humanities designation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Note: No more than two courses from any department can be used to complete this requirement.</i>
Social and Behavioral Sciences 4 courses	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political Science PSC 101 at Oakton. • One US History: HIS 111 or 112 at Oakton. • One non-US, non-Western class: HIS 127, 208, 216, 225, 233, or ANT 202 at Oakton. • 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 can be used to complete this requirement.</i>
Natural Sciences 4 courses	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One course must be a Lab, one course must be Biology and one course must be a Physical Science (Chemistry, Physics, etc). *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 can be used to complete this requirement.</i>
Additional Requirements 7 courses	19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ENG 101 and 102 at Oakton with grades of C or higher. • One college level math course with a grade of C or higher. • PED 102 at Oakton. • 1 hour in Physical Education activity at Oakton. • SPE 103 at Oakton with a grade C or higher. • One elective (3 credit hours) from Language Arts, Science, Social Science, Humanities and/or Psychology.

*Please visit www.neiu.edu/Transfer and click on the Transfer Course Equivalency Link to view list of courses.

Approved Minors/Areas of Concentration: (Min 18 hrs)

All Early Childhood Education students must complete a minor course of study or area of concentration. The minor or area of concentration must consist of at least 9 credit hours at the 300 level. The minor or area of concentration must come from the list of approved areas below:

African and African American Studies, Anthropology, Art (studio), Asian Studies, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Economics, English, Foreign Language (one language of study), Geography (excluding Environmental Studies), History, Interdisciplinary English Studies, Inner City Careers, Latino and Latin American Studies, Linguistics, Teaching English as a Second Language, Mathematics, MSTQE (Math and Sciences Concepts), Music, Philosophy, Physics, Political Science, Psychology and Sociology.

Early Childhood Education Professional Sequence

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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.		
Northeastern Illinois University Courses	Credits	Oakton Community College Equivalent (if any)
* Level I		
EDFN 302 Philosophical and Historical Foundations of Early Childhood Education	6	<i>No Equivalencies at Oakton.</i>
EDFN 303 Early Childhood Development <i>Note: This level should be taken before admission to the Goodwin College of Education.</i>		
* Level II		
ECED 301 Curriculum and Instruction in Early Childhood	10	<i>No Equivalencies at Oakton.</i>
ECED 328I Clinical Experiences in Early Childhood Education Infant-Toddler		
ECED 313 WIP: Language Development and Acquisition		
ECED 316 Child, Family, and Community		
* Level III		
ECED 306 Methods of Teaching Reading in Early Childhood	7	<i>No Equivalencies at Oakton.</i>
ECED 338 Development Assessment of Young Children		
ECED 328T Clinical Experiences in Early Childhood		
* Level IV		
ECED 352 Methods of Teaching Language Arts, Music and Art in Early Childhood	8	<i>No Equivalencies at Oakton.</i>
ECED 355 Methods of Teaching Mathematics, Science and Social Studies in Early Childhood		
ECED 328M Clinical Experiences in Early Childhood		
ECED 328S Practicum in Early Childhood with Special Education		
* Electives (select one)		
ECED 312 Teaching Strategies with Multicultural Groups	3	<i>No Equivalencies at Oakton.</i>
ECED 325 Literature for Young Children		
* Level V		
ECED 329 Student Teaching in Early Childhood	9	<i>No Equivalency at Oakton.</i>

ECED 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 2.75.
- In order for students to be entitled by Northeastern for a Professional Educator License in Early Childhood Education, 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. In order for students to be certified by the Illinois State Board of Education, they will need to have passed the appropriate ILTS Assessment of Professional Teaching Test.

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

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/FinAid.htm. 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:

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. The Office of Scholarships may be reached at (773) 442-4606 or scholarships@neiu.edu.