

Northern Illinois University

McHenry County College Transfer Guide

Early Childhood Education (2009-2010 Catalog)

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The State of Illinois and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) approve Northern Illinois University's two programs for Early Childhood Studies. Graduates of both programs qualify for Illinois Early Childhood Teacher Certification (birth through grade three – 04 certification). One of the programs also qualifies for Illinois Preschool Special Education Approval to teach students with special needs from birth through six years of age.

Admission to Early Childhood Studies Programs

- Students must be admitted to Northern Illinois University and also apply for admission to the department listed below that holds the program of interest. (See NIU's catalog or MCC's general NIU transfer guide for University admission details. University admission does not constitute eligibility for admission into either of these programs.)

04 Certification with Preschool Special Education Approval

Department of Teaching and Learning
Northern Illinois University
Office of Undergraduate Advisement
Dekalb, Illinois 60115-2857
Phone: (815) 753-8361
Website: <http://www.cedu.niu.edu/tlrn>
Contact Person: Cathy Lubbers (815) 753-1891

04 Certification

School of Family, Consumer, and Nutrition Sciences
Northern Illinois University
Office of Undergraduate Advisement
Dekalb, Illinois 60115-2857
Phone: (815) 753-6350
Website: <http://www.fcns.niu.edu>
Contact Person: Alissa Polacheck (815) 753-1891

- Pre-admission requirements (Both programs combined accept up to 60 students per year.)
 - Admission to the program is competitive based on the GPA in work taken at NIU and/or transferred from other institutions, the quality of the application essay, and successful experience working with young children. A student who has completed the following requirements is eligible to apply to one of the emphases in the major in early childhood studies, but satisfying the requirements does not guarantee admission.
 - Overall GPA of at least 2.75 on a 4.00 scale as calculated by NIU
 - Application deadlines (Department of Teaching & Learning and School of Family, Consumer, and Nutrition):
 - March 1 – fall admit only. The March 1 deadline is for completed applications. Students must have admission requirements completed by December prior to application. Early application to NIU is encouraged.
 - All required documents must be on file in the appropriate department listed above by the deadline, including ICTS Basic Skills Test results, verification of fingerprinting results based on criminal background check in compliance with NIU policy, proof of tuberculosis testing, and documented resume of successful work experiences with children birth to age 8.
 - Students must be admitted to an Early Childhood Studies program before enrolling in its first professional semester.
 - Completion or pre-admission course requirements (listed below)

Additional Information

- The following options satisfy NIU's general education requirements:
 - Complete the IAI General Education Core Curriculum at MCC
 - Complete an MCC A.A., A.S., or A.A.T. in Early Childhood
 - Satisfy individual NIU general education requirement.
- NIU/MCC Dual Admission is advised. See an MCC advisor for more information
- Please refer to the following website for the latest information regarding limited admission major requirements:
<http://www.niu.edu/admissions/transfer/transfercenter/limited/index.shtml>. The site is updated in July of each academic year.

Pre-Admission Course Requirements

Following are lists of pre-admission course requirements and tables showing courses that can be taken to satisfy NIU's general education core and additional program requirements.

- Following courses must be completed with a "C" or better before applying in March: ENG151, 152; SPE151; PSY151; PSY251 or ECE120
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two of the following courses with a "C" or better: MAT201& 202; PHI251, HIS170 or 171+172; and NIU's EPFE201 (no MCC equivalent). The remaining courses are not required before the first professional semester but are required for graduation. It is highly recommended that MAT201 & 202 be completed at least before the first professional semester. MAT201 & 202 count as one NIU course.
- Admission to the selected emphasis is contingent on completing the following prerequisites with a grade of "C" or better prior to entering the first professional semester:
 - Emphasis in 04 certification offered by the School of Family, Consumer and Nutrition Science: BIO110 or 157; SOC101; EDU253; MAT120 or 220; and CIS110+210 (NIU offers a competency based exam as an option.)
 - Emphasis in 04 certification with preschool special education approval offered by the Department of Teaching and Learning: biological science; physical science (see chart for "04 certification with preschool special education" for options); SOC101; PSY265; EDU253; and CIS110+210 (NIU offers a competency based exam as an option.)

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* Courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better and appear on official transcript by application deadline.

** At least two of these courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better and appear on official transcript by application deadline. The others must be completed and appear on official transcript by the beginning of the First Professional Semester. (If the grade of "C" or better is not earned in both MAT201 & 202, an additional gen.ed. math course must be taken.)

*** Must be completed with a grade of "C" or better before the beginning of the First Professional Semester.

04 Certification NIU General Core & Additional Requirements	MCC Equivalents IAI Core & Additional NIU Requirements
ENGL103* ENGL104* COMS100* MATH201**	ENG151* ENG152* SPE151* MAT201** & 202**
Distributive Studies (minimum 29 credits)	
Humanities & the Arts: 9 – 12 credits The following is required: PHIL231** One of the following is required: ARTH282 ARTH291 ARTH292 ARTH293 MUSC220 THEA203	Humanities: PHI251** Fine Arts: select 1 course ART151 ART171 ART172 or ART173 MUS151 THE151 Select 1 more course either from the following or from the Fine Arts listed above: ENG240, 251, 253, 254, 255, 256, 260, 261, 270, 271 or 272, 275, 276 Foreign Language: FRE 252 or GER252 or SPA252; HUM150; PHI151, 155, 160, 251, 261
Science & Mathematics: (7-11 credits) 1 of the following Biology courses is required: BIOS109*** BIOS104*** BIOS103*** The following is required: STAT208***	Physical & Life Sciences:(7-8 credits) Life Science: Select 1 of the following- depends on program BIO110*** BIO157*** No equivalent Physical Science: (required only if completing IAI core) Select 1 of following: CHM115 EAS180 CHM164 EAS185 CHM165 GEG101 + 102 EAS120 GEL101 + 103 EAS170 PHY280 EAS171 PHY291 The following courses are equivalent to NIU's STAT208 but do not satisfy Physical or Life Science requirements in the IAI core. If you are completing the IAI core, a Life & Physical Science course must be taken. MAT120*** or 220***
Social Science (6-9 credits) HIST260** or 261** PSYC102* POLS100 *Note – History courses are in the NIU Humanities requirements. If you are completing individual NIU general education courses rather than IAI core, use HIS170 or 171+172 to satisfy a Humanities requirement.	Social & Behavioral Sciences (9 credits) HIS170** or 171** & 172** PSY151* PLT151 *Note – History courses are in the NIU Humanities requirements. If you are completing individual NIU general education courses rather than IAI core, use HIS170 or 171+172 to satisfy a Humanities requirement.
Interdisciplinary Studies EPFE201**	Interdisciplinary Studies – not an IAI core requirement No equivalent
Additional Pre-Admission Requirements ETT229*** (NIU offers a competency based exam as an option – 0 credits) For information – 815-753-9339 FCNS230* FCNS284*** TLSE240***	CIS110*** & 210*** PSY251* or ECE120* SOC101*** EDU253***

