

Prairie State College 2009-2010

Limited Admissions Program Course Equivalencies

Effective for all course work completed by applicants in the following terms: Fall 2009, Spring 2010, and Summer 2010

Please see the NIU *Undergraduate Catalog* for specific admission information.

Applicants who have earned an A.A.T. in Early Childhood are considered to have met all prerequisites listed below for either emphasis.

You will be required to meet the application deadlines and competitive GPA requirements.

*Department of Teaching and Learning (TLRN) and
School of Family, Consumer, and Nutrition Sciences (FCNS)*

Early Childhood Studies Interdisciplinary Major

Pre-Early Childhood Studies

FCNS: 815-753-1891 http://www.chhs.niu.edu/fcns/fcs_undergraduate.asp

TLRN: 815-753-8361 www.cedu.niu.edu/TLRN

1. Attainment of an overall **GPA of at least 2.75 on a 4.00 scale** (as calculated by NIU), including transfer credit. GPA is not the only consideration for admission to Early Childhood Studies. The totality of the application, including successful work experience with young children, and the essay questions will be considered.
2. Completion of the following courses with a grade of C or better in each, including transfer credit:

NIU Courses

Prairie State Equivalents

ENGL 103 Rhetoric and Composition I (3)

ENG 101

ENGL 104 Rhetoric and Composition II (3)

ENG 102

COMS 100 Fundamentals of Oral Communication (3)

COMM 101

FCNS 230 Child Development (3)

ED 101

PSYC 102 Introduction to Psychology (3)

PSYCH 101

Plus at least two of the following courses (6) - Note: At least three courses will be required if NIU MATH 201 substitution requires two courses in transfer:

EPFE 201 Education as an Agent for Change (3)

N/A

HIST 260 American History to 1865 (3) *or*

HIST 201

HIST 261 American History since 1865 (3)

HIST 202

MATH 201 Foundations of Elementary School Mathematics (3) (If two courses are required both are used for the cumulative GPA calculation for admission and a C or better must be earned in each course.)

MATH 200 & 206

PHIL 231 Contemporary Moral Issues (3)

PHILO 202

Students should seek advisement early in the academic career for assistance with choosing an emphasis. Transfer students who have met the pre-admission requirements for the major in Early Childhood Studies prior to applying for admission to the university should apply for admission to the major in Early Childhood Studies through either FCNS or TLRN at the same time they apply for admission to the university. Students must be admitted to an emphasis in Early Childhood Studies before they can enroll in the first professional semester. 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:

- **Additional prerequisites for emphasis in 04 certification offered by FCNS: 12-16**

BIOS 103 General Biology (3) *or*

N/A

BIOS 104 General Biology (4) *or*

NA

BIOS 109 Human Biology (3)

N/A

ETT 229 Computers in Education (3) or pass Extra Skills Competency examination (0)

N/A

FCNS 284 Introduction to Family Relationships (3)

SOCIO 210

STAT 208 Basic Statistics (3)

MATH 115

TLSE 240 Introduction to Special Education (3)

N/A

- **Additional prerequisites for emphasis on 04 certification with preschool Special Education offered by TLRN: 19**

ETT 229 Computers in Education (3) or pass Extra Skills Competency examination (0)

N/A

FCNS 284 Introduction to Family Relationships (3)

SOCIO 210

SOCI 250 Contemporary Social Institutions (3) *or*

N/A

SOCI 260 Introduction to Social Psychology (3) *or*

PSYCH 215

SOCI 270 Social Problems (3)

N/A

TLSE 240 Introduction to Special Education (3)

N/A

One general education Biology course (3-4)

ANY "GE SCI MATH" BIOS COURSE

One general education Physical Science course (3-4)

ANY "GE SCI MATH" PHYSICAL SCI COURSE

Either the Biology or Physical Science course must include a laboratory.

ANY "GE SCI MATH" LAB COURSE

3. Submit successful results of the completion of the **Illinois Certification Testing System (ICTS) Basic Skills Test**. Click on <http://www.icts.nesinc.com/> for more information.
4. A fingerprint-based criminal background check through the Illinois State Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation using an official NIU Criminal Background Fingerprint Check Authorization is required. This form, as well as instructions for completing and submitting the form, can be obtained from: www.teachercertification.niu.edu.
5. Provide proof of freedom from the communicable disease tuberculosis (TB). MANTOUX test only.
6. Transfer students should request a **major application** from the Department of TLRN or from the School of FCNS (available January 1).
7. Students are required to complete COMD 220 Introduction to Communicative Disorders (3) at NIU before graduation if earning certification through TLRN.

Deadline for admission (fall only): *March 1

*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. Although students may be admitted to the university for any semester as a Pre-Early Childhood Studies major, admission directly into the major is limited to the fall semester only.