

Limited Admissions Program Course Equivalencies

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

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

Department of Teaching and Learning (TLRN)

Elementary Education Major

815-753-8350 www.cedu.niu.edu/tlrn

Teacher Certification - <http://www.niu.edu/teachers>

1. Attain an overall **cumulative** GPA of at least **3.00 on a 4.00 scale** (as calculated by NIU), including transfer credit (admission to Elementary Education is competitive). **Once admitted to Elementary Education, an NIU cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher is required for retention in the program.**
2. Complete core competency requirements in ENGL 103, ENGL 104, and COMS 100 with no grade lower than C at the time of application. Additionally, a **C or better** (including NIU and transfer grades) in **all** of the following required courses **by the end of the semester in which they apply**. Students may apply with the following courses in progress (enrolled courses, only):

<u>NIU Courses</u>	<u>Rock Valley Equivalents</u>
ARTE 383 Teaching Art in Elementary Schools (3) <i>or</i>	N/A
MUSC 373 Fundamentals, Principles, and Practices in Elementary Music (3)	MUS 105
Contact an NIU Elementary Education advisor for possible course substitutions for ARTE 383 and MUSC 373.	
EPFE 201 Education as an Agent for Change (3)	N/A
EPS 300 Educational Psychology (3)	PSY 271
EPS 304 Development of the Elementary School Child (3)	N/A
ETT 229 Computers in Education (3) <i>or</i> pass ETRA Skills Competency Exam (0)	EDU 234
A competency exam for ETT (Instructional Technology) 229 Computers in Education is being offered by the Department of Educational Technology, Research, and Assessment. Passing this test would allow the course requirement for admission to Elementary Education to be waived. Registration is required. Contact the ETRA department at: 815-753-9339.	
HIST 260 American History to 1865 (3)	HST 142
HIST 261 American History since 1865 (3)	HST 143
KNPE 245 Physical Education for Children (3)	FWS 223
MATH 201 Foundations of Elementary School Mathematics (3)	MTH 216 & 217
If two courses are required, both are used for the cumulative GPA calculation for admission and a C or better is required in each course.	
PSYC 102 Introduction to Psychology (3)	PSY 170
TLEE 282 Educational Participation in Clinical Experiences: Elementary Education (1)	EDU 274
Credit for TLEE 282 may be awarded if Elementary Education experience is documented. Contact the Department of Teaching and Learning.	
TLSE 240 Introduction to Special Education (3)	EDU 244
One Laboratory Science course (4) (see your community college counselor for suggestions).	ANY "GE SCI MATH" LAB COURSE

3. Successful completion of the **Illinois Certification Testing System (ICTS) Basic Skills Test**. For more information about the ICTS, click on <http://www.icts.nesinc.com/>.
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. A **departmental application** is required for admission to the major. Students are required to submit a copy of the results from the ICTS Basic Skills Test with this application. For an application or information regarding this process, contact an Elementary Education secretary at the Department of Teaching and Learning, 815-753-8361 or 815-753-8350. Applications are available on-line at <http://www.cedu.niu.edu/tlrn/programs/eled.html>.
6. Students are encouraged to have **completed all NIU general education requirements** prior to admission in the professional semesters of Elementary Education. This may be accomplished by either completing NIU's general education courses individually, by completing a baccalaureate-oriented associate of art (A.A.) *or* associate of science (A.S.) degree, or by completing the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) General Education Core Curriculum (GECC). Please contact your community college counselor for details.
7. Students who have completed the pre-admission requirements may be considered for admission in a specific semester by meeting the following application deadlines:

Program application deadline: March 1 (Fall Term)

Program application deadline: October 1 (Spring Term)