



Undergraduate & Graduate Early Childhood Pathways at NLU

NLU Undergrad Program	Best For...	What You'll Earn	Format^	Additional Scholarships/Discount Available	Additional Credentials (with Minors or Concentrations)
B.A. Early Childhood Education (180 QH) -Curriculum	First Time Freshman, Transfer Students, Working Adults with little to no experience working with children <i>Who are looking to</i> Work as a licensed teacher in an preschool to 2nd grade classroom	Bachelor's degree Professional Educator License - Early Childhood Gateways ECE Level 5	Online* Blended	ECACE Chicago Early Learning Workforce Minority Teachers of Illinois Scholarship NLU's Direct to Success Discount (if earned AA <one year ago) NLU's Graft Student Teaching Scholarship	LBS1 Endorsement/Early Childhood Special Education ESL Endorsement Bilingual Endorsement Illinois Director Credential Level 1 or 2
B.A. Early Childhood Education Competency Based (180 QH) -Curriculum	Transfer students with ECE coursework and one year of work experience in ECE settings <i>Who are looking to</i> Work as a licensed teacher in an preschool to 2nd grade classroom, Work with infants/toddlers and their families in early education settings, Work as an ECE site Director, Work in an ECE setting that does not require licensure	Bachelor's degree Professional Educator License - Early Childhood Gateways ECE Level 5	Online* w/optional weekly Zooms	ECACE Chicago Early Learning Workforce NLU's Direct to Success Discount (if earned AA <one year ago) NLU's Graft Student Teaching Award Minority Teachers of Illinois Scholarship	LBS1 Endorsement/Early Childhood Special Education ESL Endorsement Bilingual Endorsement Illinois Director Credential Level 1 or 2

*We can accept online undergraduate students from any state. We require every out-of-state licensure student sign an acknowledgement form indicating their understanding about transfer of license.

As of 12.1.2023

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B.A. Infant Toddler Studies (180 QH) -Curriculum	First Time Freshman, Transfer Students, Working Adults with little to no experience working with children <i>Who are looking to</i> Work with infants/toddlers and their families in early education settings, work as an ECE site director	Bachelor's degree Level 5 ECE Gateways Credential Level 5 Infant/Toddler Gateways Credential Illinois Director Credential Level 2	Online Blended	ECACE Chicago Early Learning Workforce NLU's Direct to Success Discount (if earned AA <one year ago) Minority Teachers of Illinois Scholarship	Early Intervention Credential Developmental Therapy Credential (these credentials have additional requirements outside of coursework)
B.A. Applied Educational Studies (180 QH) -Curriculum	First Time Freshman, Transfer Students, Working Adults <i>Who are looking to</i> Teach in an ECE setting that does not require licensure, work as a family specialist or home visitor	Bachelor's degree Gateways Level 5 ECE credential Gateways Level 5 Family Service Credential (FSC)	Online Blended	ECACE Chicago Early Learning Workforce NLU's Direct to Success Discount (if earned AA <one year ago) Minority Teachers of Illinois Scholarship	Gateways Level 2 Infant/Toddler Credential (ITC) Gateways Level 1 Illinois Director Credential (IDC) AIM4Excellence National Director Credential Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE) certification through the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR)

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M.A.T. Early Childhood Education - Traditional (43 SH)	Individuals with a Bachelor's degree <i>Who are looking to</i> Work as a licensed teacher in an preschool to 2nd grade classroom* *May be able to take advantage of Paid Student Teaching or Year Long Internship	Master's Degree Professional Educator License - Early Childhood	Online Blended	ECACE TEACH Grant Minority Teaching in IL Scholarships NLU's Graft Student Teaching Scholarship NLU Alumni Discount
M.A.T. Early Childhood Education - Accelerated (35 SH)	Individuals with a Bachelor's degree, 3+ years experience teaching, and a Gateways ECE Credential Level 4 <i>Who are looking to</i> Continue teaching full time as teacher-of-record while earning their teaching license	Master's Degree Professional Educator License - Early Childhood	Online	ECACE TEACH Grant Minority Teachers of Illinois Scholarship NLU Alumni Discount

^Undergrad blended courses are offered at 122 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago IL or at 1000 Capitol Drive, Wheeling IL. All undergraduate blended programs are offered for first-time freshman, day-time students only (i.e. not offered for transfer students). Graduate blended courses may be offered at 18 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago IL; 1000 Capitol Drive, Wheeling IL; or 850 Warrenville Road, Lisle IL.

Tuition & Partnership Discount

NLU Undergraduate Programs**	Typical Tuition Price	Estimated Tuition Price w/ Partnership (10%)***
Full-time (14-18QH), transferring in with 30 QH or less	\$12,333/year	\$11,100/year
Full-time (14-18QH), transferring in with more than 30QH	\$6,000/quarter	\$5,400/quarter
Fewer than 14 credits per quarter/term	\$430/credit hour	\$387/quarter

***Exact tuition amount will vary based on the number of credits transferring in and whether the candidate will be taking a full time load or part time.*

****Discounts cannot be combined with one another or with the 10% partnership discount. NLU will honor the highest applicable discount.*

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MAT Early Childhood - Traditional (43 SH)	\$700/SH * 43 = \$30,100	\$27,090
MAT Early Childhood - Accelerated (35 SH)	\$700/SH * 35 = \$24,500	\$22,050

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Cost breakdown does not include per term Student Fee (\$75-\$175), books, or other course materials. As of Dec 2023, MAT graduate courses also include a two-time Clinical/Field Experience fee and a one-time assessment technology fee. See this [list](#) for the most up to date tuition and fee structure.

This is an estimate. Tuition and fee rates subject to change. Rates are determined each spring and are effective beginning each summer term.

Check out our [partnership webpage](#) to contact us for more details!

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