



# Early Childhood Education

Earn your teacher-licensure degree in early childhood education from Northern Illinois University at Elgin Community College.

Our NIU College of Education and Elgin Community College partner to provide a four-year degree path, with a seamless transition from ECC to NIU, so you can obtain your degree — without leaving Elgin.

We accomplish this through NIU's **PLEDGE** (Partnering to Lead and Empower District-Grown Educators) initiative, which combines innovative strategies, impactful programs and purposeful collaboration with ECC to expand and diversify the educator workforce to match the diversity of students in Elgin-area schools.

**PLEDGE** program highlights:

- Complete the same teacher-licensure program offered in DeKalb on NIU's main campus.
- You and your cohort colleagues will move through the program together, so you'll get to know each other and have a supportive network as you complete your full-time program.
- Each professional semester includes an intensive clinical placement where you'll practice what you're learning and receive feedback for continuous improvement.
- All student teaching and clinicals will be completed in local districts.
- Co-teaching model during final professional year.

## Let's get started:



Reach out to ECC at [advising@elgin.edu](mailto:advising@elgin.edu) or 847-214-7390 or email NIU College of Education at [coestudentsuccess@niu.edu](mailto:coestudentsuccess@niu.edu) with questions or to make an academic plan.



Explore financial aid options at [elgin.edu/financialaid](http://elgin.edu/financialaid) and complete your FAFSA at [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov).

**You have future plans; we'll help you achieve them.**

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# B.S. in Early Childhood Education from Northern Illinois University at Elgin Community College

## Year One — Semester I: ECC Courses

ECE 102 Introduction to Education or  
EDN 100 Intro to Early Childhood Ed (3)

ENG 101 English Composition I (3)

PSY 100 Intro to Psychology (3)

Math General Education Course (3)

Life Science General Education Course (3-4)

## Year Two — Semester I: ECC Courses

ECE 224 Exceptional Individual or  
EDN 204 Exceptional Young Children (3)

Physical Science General Education Course (3-5)

Fine Arts General Education Course (3)

Humanities/Fine Arts General Education Course (3)

General Elective (3)

## Year Three — Semester I: NIU Courses

LTIC 445 Applied Linguistics (3)

SEEC 230 Exploring the Early Childhood Education Major (1)

SEEC 282 Clinical Experience (3)

SEEC 300 Observation/Assessment of Young Children (3)

SEEC 430 Preschool and Kindergarten Curriculum (3)

SESE 423 Observation/Assessment in Early Childhood  
Special Ed. (3)

## Year Three — Summer: NIU Courses

SEEC 201/401 Play Development and Early Childhood  
Education Services (3)

LTIC 400 Introduction to Teaching Multilingual Learners (3)

LTIC 420 Methods and Materials for  
Teaching Multilingual Learners (3)

## Year Four — Semester I: NIU Courses

LTIC 447 Assessment of Multilingual Learners (3)

SEEC 340 Teaching Language Arts and Social Studies -  
Primary Child (3)

SEEC 343 Teaching Science and Math — Primary Child (3)

SEEC 382 Clinical Experience (3)

SESE 426 Supporting Families of Young Children with  
Disabilities and Special Needs (3)

LTRE 309 Beginning Reading Instruction (3)

## Year One — Semester II: ECC Courses

CMS 101 Fundamentals of Speech (3)

ECE 174 Child Growth and Development or  
PSY 212 Child Psychology (3)

ENG 102 English Composition II (3)

HIS 151 US History to 1870 or  
HIS 152 US History Since 1865 (3)

Humanities General Education Course (3)

## Year Two — Semester II: ECC Courses

POS 150 American Government (3)

ECE 226 Methods of Bilingual and ESL Education or  
EDN 203 Foundations of Bilingual Education (3)

General Elective (3)

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## Year Three — Semester II: NIU Courses

LTIC 435 Teaching Multilingual Learnings in  
Bilingual Programs (3)

LTLA 305 Language Development (3)

SEEC 403 Primary Curriculum (3)

SEEC 425 Developing Social/Emotional Problem-Solving  
Competencies in Young Children (3)

SEEC 424 Teaching Young Children with Disabilities and  
Special Needs (3)

LTLA 361 Literature for the Young Child (3)

## Year Four — Semester II: NIU Courses

SEEC 485A Student Teaching — Primary (6)

SEEC 485B Student Teaching — Preschool and  
Kindergarten (6)

SEEC 410 Trends and Issues in Early Childhood Education (3)

- The above classes are subject to change. You'll review your classes with your advisor every semester.
- You must have a minimum grade of "C" or equivalent in all major required coursework as well as the courses used to satisfy our NIU Foundational Studies writing and oral communication requirements.
- Minimum cumulative GPA to begin Year Three fall coursework and all courses after is a 2.75.
- Successful completion of the subject matter knowledge test administered by the Illinois Licensure Testing System is required prior to enrolling in Year Four spring semester.
- A criminal background check (CBC) is required for enrollment in all clinical experiences.
- Annual verification of freedom from tuberculosis (TB test) before being allowed to participate in any clinical experience, including student teaching.

Disclaimer: You're encouraged to use this transfer guide when planning your progress toward degree completion. Following this transfer guide does not guarantee admission into the listed program. Information was updated May 2024; however, any curriculum changes reflected in the Undergraduate Catalog override the information on this guide. Contact your ECC academic advisor for assistance in interpreting this guide.