



Elementary Education

Earn your teacher-licensure degree in elementary education with Bilingual/ESL endorsement 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 move through this 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 are completed in local districts.
- Co-teaching model during final professional year.

Let's get started:



Reach out to ECC at advising@elgin.edu or 847-214-7390 or email NIU College of Education at coestudentsuccess@niu.edu with questions or to make your academic plan.



Explore financial aid options at elgin.edu/financialaid and complete your FAFSA at fafsa.gov.

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

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Elgin Community College:
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Year One — Semester I: ECC Courses

ENG 101 English Composition I (3)
MTH 110 Math for Elementary Teaching I (3)
PSY 100 Intro to Psychology (3)
EDN 100: Introduction to Education (3)
Fine Arts General Education Course (3)

Year Two — Semester I: ECC Courses

CMS 101 Fundamentals of Speech (3)
LIT 225 Children's Literature (3)
EDN 204 Exceptional Individual or
ECE 224 Exceptional Young Children (3)
EDN 112 Technology in Education (3)
Physical Science General Education Course (3-5)

Year Three — Semester I: NIU Courses

LTRE 300 Elementary Reading Programs (3)
LTLA 341 Language Arts — Elementary (3)
EPS 450 Classroom Management (2)
TLEE 382 Clinical Experience (1)
SESE 456 Methods for Collaboration and Inclusion
for EIEd. Teachers (3)
LTIC 400 Teaching Multilingual Learners (3)

Year Four — Semester I: NIU Courses

ETR 430 Classroom Assessment (3)
TLEE 383 Internship to Student Teaching (2)
TLEE 344 Teaching Science — Elementary (3)
MATH 403 Mathematics Curriculum II (3)
LTIC 420 Methods and Materials for
Teaching Multilingual Learners (3)
LTIC 447 Assessment of Multilingual Learners (3)

Year One — Semester II: ECC Courses

ENG 102 English Composition II (3)
MTH 113 Math for Elementary Teaching II (3)
PSY 212 Child Psychology (3)
EDN 105 Art in the Classroom or
EDN 128 Music for the Elementary Teacher (3)
PEM 220 Phys Ed for Elementary Level (3)

Year One — Summer: ECC Courses

PSY 211 Educational Psychology (3)

Year Two — Semester II: ECC Courses

EDN 211 Pre-Student Teaching Clinical Experience (2-3)
EDN 201 Intro Cross-Cultural Educ, EDN 203 Foundations in
Bilingual Ed. or ECE 226 Methods of Bilingual and ESL Ed. (3)
Humanities/Fine Arts General Education Course (3)
Social Science General Education Course (3)
Life Science General Elective (3-4)

Year Two — Summer: NIU Course

EPFE 410 Philosophy of Education (3)

Year Three — Semester II: NIU Courses

LTIC 435 Teaching English Language Learners in
Bilingual Programs (3)
LTIC 445 Applied Linguistics for Teachers of
English Language Learners (3)
LTRE 350 Content Area Literacy for Elementary Education (3)
TLEE 385 Field Experience (1)
MATH 402 Mathematics Curriculum I (3)
TLEE 342 Social Studies — Elementary (3)

Year Four — Semester II: NIU Courses

TLEE 485 Student Teaching (10)
TLEE 461 Seminar in Elementary School Teaching (1)

- 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 2.75 GPA to begin year three fall coursework and all courses after.
- 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 doesn't guarantee admission into this listed program. Information was updated July 2025; 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.