


Earn your Professional Educator License – Graduate Programs

33rd Ward

 National College
of Education™
NATIONAL LOUIS UNIVERSITY



Agenda

- Introductions
- Zoom guidelines
- Program Overview
- Admissions and Registration
- Tuition/Financial Aide
- Scholarships/Grant
- Questions



NLU/Archdiocese Partnership

- As a special introductory partnership with the Archdiocese, NLU is offering a \$100,000 scholarship fund to those who meet these qualifications:
 - Employee of Archdiocese
 - Has a bachelor's degree
 - Pursuing a licensure program
 - Start in Spring 2022 (May 23) or Summer 2022 (July 5)
- With a brief one-page application being completed, all candidates will be considered for this scholarship that will cover up to 30% of their tuition cost.
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- **Accelerated MAT Early Childhood License**
- **Program highlights:**
 - Begins July 2022
 - Complete your license and MAT by June 2023.
 - Requires a minimum of 3 years of teaching experience in early childhood (as teacher of record)
 - Student teaching is not required
 - 30% partnership discount (automatic discount)
 - Employee of Archdiocese
 - Has a bachelor's degree
 - Pursuing a licensure program



***Our vision:** Every child deserves a great teacher!*

- ❖ We **Prepare** talented, mission driven individuals to be teachers through numerous possible pathways.
- ❖ We provide enhanced, specialized training to enable teachers to **Advance** in their careers.
- ❖ We offer leadership programs to allow teachers and school leaders to deepen their capacity to **Lead**.
- ❖ We see each of our programs as having a broader mission to **Influence** the field of education. As such, at NCE we Prepare, Advance, Lead and Influence.



What makes us different....

Practice-based Teaching:

- ❖ *The adaptive cycles of teaching model*
 - ❖ Practice-centered and clinically-based
 - ❖ Leverages technology to allow aspiring teachers to analyze the impact of their instruction on students
 - ❖ Robust observations of student teachers in clinical settings
 - ❖ Strategic alignment of clinical experiences to academic ones.

Strategic Clinical Preparation:

- ❖ Linked placement

Mentor Training:

- ❖ Key practices to support candidate learning



Professional Educator License Options

- ❖ Early Childhood (birth – grade 2)
- ❖ Elementary (grades 1-6)
- ❖ Middle Grades (grades 5-8)
- ❖ Secondary (grades 9-12)
- ❖ Special Education (K – age 21)



Early Childhood Education Program Overview Spans Birth – Grade 2

- This program consists of 45sh (43sh for PEL only) of coursework designed to meet the standards for you to earn an Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL) and Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) degree in Early Childhood Education.
- This program can be completed in approximately 22 months or longer depending on your scheduling needs.
- Offered 100% remote or our on-campus format is online except for four on-campus courses meeting one time per week at 6pm
- Students in any Illinois location are eligible to enroll
- Often paired with either the ESL/BIL and/or the Early Childhood Special Education Approval to enhance marketability
- ****NEW**** Accelerated model offered to those with 3 years of teaching experience in early childhood. This program is 35sh, completed in 1 year and does not require student teaching



Early Childhood Field Experience

Clinical Hours

- Criminal Background Check
- 100 hours prior to student teaching (50 hours in a primary grade setting and 25 hours in each preprimary and infant-toddler settings)

Student Teaching

- 11 weeks
- Placement must be within 30 miles of an NLU Campus



Elementary Education Program Overview

Grades 1-6

- This program consists of 43sh of coursework (40sh for PEL) designed to meet the standards for you to earn an Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL) and Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) degree in Elementary Education
- This program can be completed in approximately 22-30 months depending on term start
- Program is offered 100% remote or our on-campus format typically meets one evening per week at 6pm
- Students in any Illinois location are eligible to enroll
- Often paired with either the ESL/BIL and/or LBS 1 endorsement to enhance marketability



Elementary Grades Field Experience

Pre-Clinical Hours

- Criminal Background Check
- 125 hours will be completed

Student Teaching

- 11 weeks
- Placement must be within 30 miles of an NLU Campus



Special Education Program Overview

Spans K – Age 21

- This program consists of 44sh of coursework designed to meet the standards for you to earn an Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL) and Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) degree in Special Education.
- This program can be completed in approximately 22-27 months.
- Program is offered 100% remote or our on-campus format typically meets one evening per week at 6pm
- Often paired with either the ESL/BIL and/or the Early Childhood Special Education Approval to enhance marketability



Early Childhood Approval

4 courses- 11 semester hours – 100% online

- SPE 510 Early Childhood Special Education
Language Development and Challenges
- SPE 532 Early Childhood Special Education
Curriculum, Instruction and Methods
- SPE 533 Early Childhood Special Education
Diagnostic Assessment
- SPE 534 Early Childhood Special Education--
Collaboration, Family and Community



Special Education Field Experience

Clinical Hours

- Criminal Background Check
- 115 hours prior to student teaching

Student Teaching

- 11 weeks
- Placement must be within 30 miles of an NLU Campus



Middle Grades Program Spans Grades 5-8

- This program consists of 36sh (33sh for PEL only)) of coursework designed to meet the standards for you to earn an Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL) and Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) degree in Middle Grades Education.
- This program can be completed in 18-24 months
- Half of the program is online and half meets one evening per week at campus at 6pm
- 21 hours of content required. 15 of 21 required hours for admission
- Content areas offered: Math, Science, Social Studies, English Language Arts



Middle Grades Field Experience

Pre-Clinical Hours

- Criminal Background Check
- 140 hours will be completed

Course	Hours
MGE 501	15
MGE 503	40
MGE 505	50
CIL 505	20
SPE 500	15

Student Teaching

- 11 weeks
- Placement must be within 30 miles of an NLU Campus



Secondary Education Program Overview

Spans Grades 9-12. World Language Spans Grades K-12

- This program consists of 34 sh (28 sh for PEL only) of coursework designed to meet the standards for you to earn an Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL) and Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) degree in Secondary Education.
- This program can be complete in 15-21 months
- More than half of program is online with remaining courses meeting one evening per week at 5:30 or 6pm
- Content areas offered: Math, Science, Social Studies, English Language Arts, World Language
- 32 hours of appropriate content required for admission
- Content test or tests also required for admission



Secondary Field Experience

Clinical Hours

- Criminal Background Check
- 105 hours prior to student teaching

Student Teaching

- 11 weeks
- Placement must be within 30 miles of an NLU Campus

Course	Hours
SEC 502	30
SEC 581 A-F	40
CIL 505	20
SPE 500	15



Paid Student Teaching

- Candidates who are employed full-time as the lead teacher in a classroom may qualify for paid student teaching, during which they can remain in their classroom to complete their student teaching experience (and also remain a paid employee of the school).
- Must have at least 2 years of teaching experience
- Must complete paid student teaching application (paper application) and submit to advisor with background check, TB test, mandated reporter training, resume.



Admissions Process

1. Apply online at www.nl.edu/apply
2. Submit official transcripts from EVERY institution attended
 - May be submitted electronically to admissions@nl.edu or via mail to:
Office of Admissions
1000 Capitol Dr., Wheeling, IL 60090
3. Transcript evaluation (1-2 weeks)
4. Written Essay



Tuition & Fees

Tuition & Fees

- \$685 per semester hour for program courses
- Early Childhood Education (ECE)- \$29,455 - \$30,825
- **Partnership Discount 30% - ECE - \$20,618.50-\$21,577.50**
- Elementary Education - \$27,400 - \$29,455
- **Partnership Discount 30% - \$19,180 - \$20,619**
- Special Education (SPE) – \$28,770
- **Partnership Discount 30% SPE - \$20,139**

Financial Aid

- Middle - \$22,605 - \$24,660
- **Partnership Discount 30% Middle - \$15,823.50 - \$17,262**
- Secondary - \$19,180 - \$23,290
- **Partnership Discount 30% Secondary - \$13,426 - \$16,303**
- NCE Assessment & Technology fee is \$115 (one-time)
- Student fee \$175/term



Scholarships and Grants

Alumni Scholarship

- NLU and Kendall alumni who enroll in an additional NLU degree program after graduation from the University will receive a 15% tuition discount.

Military Discount

- If you are a military veteran, then you will receive a 15% tuition discount.

Teach Grant

- Work in a low-income school
- Secure position in a classroom in a low income school
- Maximum grant total towards tuition is \$8,000
 - Must work in the school for 4 years during the 8 years after completion of the program
- Teach Grant: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/teach>
- Application link: <https://www.nl.edu/teachgrantapplication/>
- Information link: https://www.nl.edu/media/nlu/downloadable/financialaid/grants/teach%20grant%20information%202020-2021_final_072820.pdf



Tuition Reimbursement & Financial Aid

Please see your principal for further information

Financial Aid

<https://www.nl.edu/financialaid/financialaidresources/>



Minority Teachers of Illinois Scholarship

- Up to \$5,000 per year as long as the criteria is met
- Deadlines for application

March 1st for the following school year (Applications received after that date will be given consideration for the scholarship only if funding remains available after all timely, qualified applicants have been awarded.)

<https://www.isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financial-aid/scholarships/minority-teachers-of-illinois-mti-scholarship-program.html>

Teacher loan forgiveness

- Work in a classroom in a low income school for 5 consecutive years
- <https://studentaid.gov/manage-loans/forgiveness-cancellation>



Gateways Scholarship

1. Care for children in an Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (IDCFS) licensed program or Illinois State Board of Education funded Preschool for All program.
2. Employed by your current program for at least a one year. (90 days if employed at an ExceleRate Bronze, Silver or Gold Circle of Quality program.)
3. Work an average of 15 hours per week.
4. Commit to future work in early care and education or school-age care, which begins at the completion of the scholarship contract.
5. <https://www.ilgateways.com/financial-opportunities/scholarship>



The Patricia Cassin-Graft Scholarship

- Student Teacher Assistance Fund Award
- This scholarship provides funds to cover much or all of the cost of student teaching tuition during student teaching
- Must have a 3.25 GPA
- Must have passed the content test
- Requires an essay
- One letter of recommendation from faculty
- Intention to teach in CPS or a high-need low-income school



Grow Your Own Program

Grow Your Own (GYO) is dedicated to recruiting racially diverse teacher candidates. With GYO's assistance, you will complete a teacher licensure program and become a certified teacher. In return for the support and assistance provided by GYO, graduates are required to teach at least five (5) years in a hard to staff school or position.

Financial Aid

- GYO forgivable loan of up to \$25,000 in tuition, fees and books
- Funding for other education-related expenses like childcare and transportation



Grow Your Own Program

Academic Support

- An academic coordinator who helps you identify and overcome challenges
- Tutoring and other academic assistance for you to succeed in the classroom

Wrap-around Services

- Monthly meetings that help you develop tools you need to advocate for yourself and your students
- Ongoing mentorship to ensure you stay on track and graduate



Grow Your Own Program

<https://growyourownteachers.org/application-process>

Application requires short essays, transcripts, and references
Reach out to find out the next application window

info@gyo-il.org



NLU Learning Supports

TUTORING

- Learning Specialists provide tutoring, free of charge, for all NLU students.
- Learning Specialists are content experts in the following subjects:
 - Writing (grammar, usage, mechanics, style, organization, and citations)
 - Math (algebra, statistics, probability, and geometry)
 - Science (biology, physical science, and environmental science)
 - Microsoft and Google software (Word, Excel, Google Docs, Google Sheets, PowerPoint, etc.)

LIBRARY

- The University Library is currently online
- Research support, class instruction sessions, and other services will be available remotely



Thrive Collaborative

Our THRIVE resource website curates and leverages community resources in key domains such as food and housing insecurities, financial wellness, employment, childcare/support for student parents.

<https://nl.edu/food-pantry-and-thrive-resources/campus-and-community-resources/>



Questions

