

NLU INFORMATION SESSION: HOW TO BECOME A TEACHER

Advancing the diversity, competency, and leadership of
early educators to ensure that all children thrive



HISTORY OF NLU

This collage illustrates the history of National Louis University through various images and a timeline. The central timeline features colored circles with years: 1886 (white), 1894 (white), 1930 (orange), 1982 (white), 1990 (blue), 1999 (white), 2014 (green), and 2018 (pink). The images include:

- 1886: A portrait of a young woman; a circular logo with a triangle and the motto "Tandem Leben"; a large, ornate building; a classroom with students sitting at desks; and a group of people sitting on the floor in a room.
- 1894: A group of people sitting on a lawn, with a caption below that reads "Class of '94 Mrs. Katherine May Baker".
- 1930: A photograph of three people working together at a table, possibly in a laboratory or workshop.
- 1982: A blue flag with the National Louis University logo and the year "1886"; a tall clock tower; and a large, reflective silver sculpture.
- 1990: A photograph of a woman speaking at a podium.
- 1999: A photograph of a chef in a kitchen.
- 2014: A photograph of a chef in a kitchen.
- 2018: A photograph of a chef in a kitchen.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Early Childhood Education

This major is ideal for students that want to work with children in school-based settings (Pre-K to Grade 2)

- Prepares students to work with children birth to Grade 2 and leads to the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Professional Educator's License (PEL), with an endorsement in ECE.
- Coursework leads to the Gateways to Opportunity Level 5 ECE Credential.
- The program is practice-based so that students gain experience working in all age ranges of the License: birth-to-three, preschool and school-based K-2. In many cases, field hours can be completed in your place of employment.
- Students can pursue a concentration in either Special Education, ESL/Bilingual Education that lead to the LBS1 and/or ESL/Bil sub-endorsements, or Early Care and Education Administration (for the Gateways Director's Credential Level 1)

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Elementary Education

- Prepares students to work with children in grades 1-6, and leads to the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Professional Educator's License (PEL), with an endorsement in ELE.
- The program is practice-based so that students gain experience working in all multiple classrooms between grades 1-6.
- Students can pursue a concentration in either Special or ESL/Bilingual Education that lead to the LBS1 and/or ESL/Bil sub-endorsements.

This major is ideal for students that want to work with children in school-based settings (Grades 1-6)



EDUCATION PROGRAMS

B.A. Early Childhood and Elementary Education

- This new “double major” program-- secures a subsequent endorsement that will allow you to teach birth through grade 6 and leads to the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Professional Educator's License (PEL), with an endorsement in ECE and ELE.
- Field hours need to be completed in both age/grade ranges: ECE and ELE.
- In order to earn both the ECE and ELE endorsements, 2 content tests will be required (Content Test #206 and Content Test #305).
- The program is practice-based so that students gain experience working in multiple classrooms between birth and grade 6
- Students can pursue a concentration in either Special or ESL/Bilingual Education that lead to the LBS1 and/or ESL/Bil sub-endorsements.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Secondary Education

- This new program will begin fall 2022* and prepare students to teach grades 9-12 in a math or English content area.
- Students can also attain a subsequent endorsement in Middle Grades Education (math or English) as well.

*pending regulatory approvals





Early Childhood Education Remote Accelerated Program for Students Working in the Field

- Students will be able to engage in something called “Prior Learning Assessment” (PLA), which allows them to use their work experience and prior knowledge of working with children to demonstrate their competency in key areas of ECE teacher preparation. All while gaining college credit!
- This process will accelerate the path toward degree completion. In addition, through the use of a residency model allowing you to gain experience and further practice—in your own center or school, you will also complete teaching methods courses and specialized courses for understanding the important birth to-three years of the ECE spectrum.

If you work or have worked in early childhood education and you're seeking additional credentials and/or a degree in early childhood education, you may be eligible for the Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity (ECACE) Scholarship Program.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Infant-Toddler Studies

This major is ideal for students that want to work with children and families in community based settings, focused on birth to three.

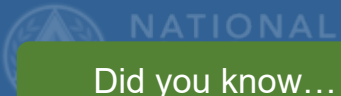
- Prepares students to work with children birth to age five, with special emphasis on the first three years.
- Aligned to several state and nationally recognized credentials:
 - Gateways to Opportunity: ECE, Level 5
 - Gateways to Opportunity: Infant Toddler, Level 5
 - Gateways to Opportunity Illinois Director, Level 1--with ECE Administration as chosen concentration
- AIM4Excellence National Director's Credential
- NEW: State of Illinois Early Intervention/Developmental Therapy
- The program is practice-based so that students gain experience working in multiple ECE settings. Experience in 0-3 and 3-5 are integral to the program. In most cases, field hours can be completed in your place of employment.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Applied Education Studies

- Prepares students to work in ECE settings that include family support services.
- Leads to two statewide credentials:
- Gateways to Opportunity: ECE, Level 5
- Gateways to Opportunity: Level 5 Family Specialist Credential (FSC)
- Prepares students for the following National Credential exams (taken separately from the program):
- Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE)
- Child Family Life Credential
- Students choose from several concentrations depending upon their interest: Pre-School Teaching and Learning, Infant-Toddler Studies, and Early Childhood Administration.

This major is ideal for students that want to work with children and families in education adjacent roles such as social service, community based family support, and home visiting.



Did you know... Governor Pritzker pledged to serve an additional 12,500 families through home visiting by 2025?

Meet Our Faculty



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LEARNING SUPPORT

- Subject tutoring – English, Writing, Math and Science
- Tutor.com – available in D2L for those late-night and weekend tutoring needs
- Writing resources – Drop Off Essay
- ADA Accommodations: Submit request online on LS website
- Study Skills & Time Management strategies
- Quarterly webinars:
<https://www.nl.edu/learningsupport/eventsandworkshops/>



International Student Support

Home to students from more than 50 countries, NLU offers dedicated international student support in the following areas:

- **International Enrollment Specialist** to assist in program selection, application process, I-20 transfer and I-20 support.
- **Office of International Student & Scholar Services** for SEVIS maintenance, CPT and OPT support, international club and international student life activities
- **English Language Writing and Support** and International Student Success Study Group designed to help NLU's international students succeed in their academic programs through English language, writing and communications support
- **International Student Scholarships**

Visit <https://nl.edu/admissions/international-students> to learn more



DIRECT TO SUCCESS!

TIME IS MONEY, AND NLU WILL SAVE YOU BOTH.

Transferring to NLU is the cost-efficient way to obtain the degree that will launch your career. We offer our Direct to Success Scholarship, a 25% tuition rate value, for students who complete an associate degree from one of our partner colleges and transfer within a year of graduation, making us the most affordable private university in the Chicago area for transfer students. Additionally, our generous acceptance of transfer credits (more on that in a bit) means that students don't need to pay for classes they've already taken. Simply put, NLU saves time, money and headaches.



GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- NLU Scholarships
<https://www.nl.edu/financialaid/financialaidresources/scholarships/>
- Gateways to Opportunity Scholarship- Eligible Illinois early childhood professionals can apply for the Gateways to Opportunity Scholarship to cover up to 90% of tuition and fees (scholarship applications are processed and approved on a first come, first serve basis and dependent upon availability of funds.) <https://www.ilgateways.com/financial-opportunities/scholarship/am-i-eligible-for-scholarship>
- Grants - <https://www.nl.edu/financialaid/financialaidresources/grants/>

Are there opportunities to have my Direct Loans forgiven?

There are several opportunities for loan forgiveness. Teachers may qualify for forgiveness of up to \$17,500.00 or if you are a Public Service employee and make 120 consecutive payments, your remaining loan balance may be canceled. Your loan servicer will be able to assist you with loan forgiveness options.



FAFSA or RISE/ ALTERNATIVE APPLICATION

- Complete a free application at Fill out FAFSA Form (school code: 001733)
- Online (www.fafsa.ed.gov) application takes 2–3 weeks to process.
- Complete the 2020-21 & 2021 - 22 FAFSA -You MUST complete a new application for each year you wish to be eligible for aid.
- Students must be fully admitted and registered for classes to be eligible for financial aid

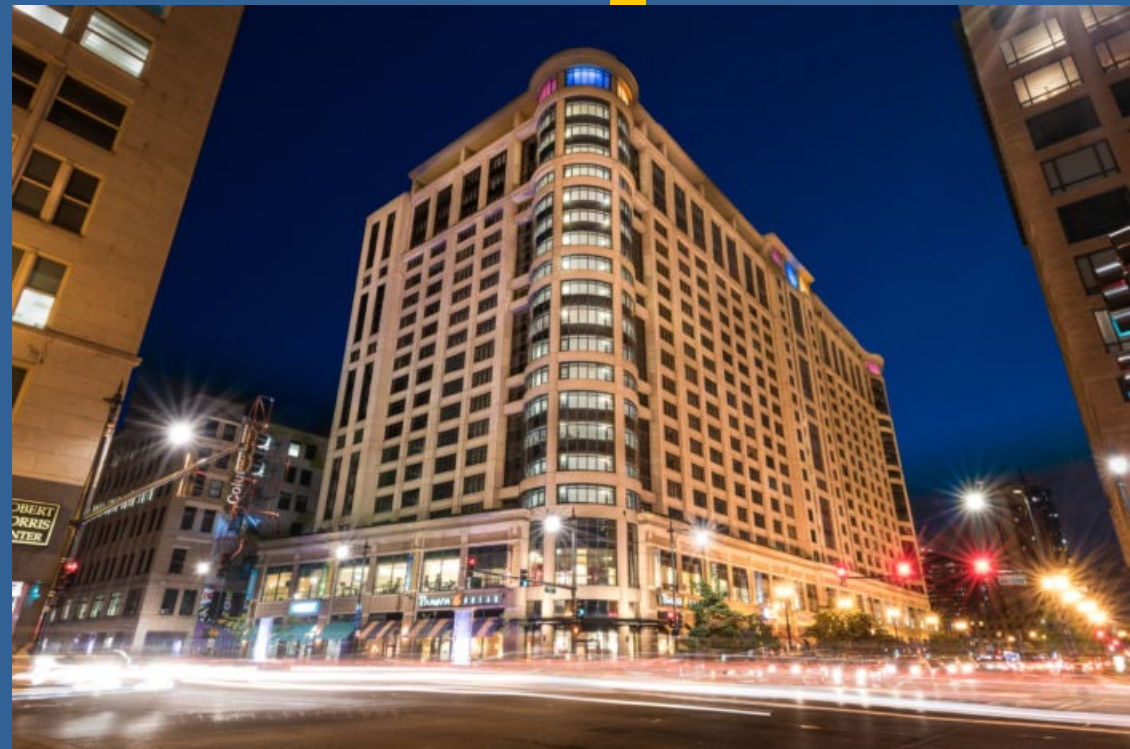


UNIVERSITY HOUSING

National Louis provides a campus housing option just steps from the Michigan Avenue campus. Located five blocks from campus, the University Center offers residents a unique living experience in a high-rise building located in the heart of Chicago.

- Furnish apartments and suites
- Meal plan with café, market and Starbucks on site
- Single room, 2 person semi suite, 4 person quad suite and 4 bedroom suite options are available
- Closets with custom inserts
- Individual HVAC controls
- All utilities included in quarterly rate
- 9 month and 12 month contracts available

Visit <https://nl.edu/student-services/university-housing-and-services> to learn more



STUDENT LIFE AT NLU

ALPHFA- Association of Latino Professionals for America
Basketball Club
Black Student Union
Book Club
Educator's Rising
International Club
Lady Eagles Volleyball
NLU Pride
NLU Entrepreneur Club
Science Club
Sigma Gamma Rho
Student Engagement Club
Student Veterans Association



Student Events

Art Expo
Art Institute Trips
Discounted Sports Games
Drag Show
Welcome Week
Winter Formal



NEXT STEPS

- Your Enrollment Specialist will guide you through the admission process
- Complete a free application at www.nl.edu/apply
- Submit official transcripts from all institutions attended



QUESTIONS?

