



ACADEMIC ALERT #2007-01

DATE: February 2007; **Updated General Education Requirements**
Effective January 2010

DECISION: National College of Education (NCE)

Revised General Education Requirements for B.A. Early Childhood Education (ECE)

Revised B.A. Early Childhood Education (ECE) Program (Type 04 Certification)

Rationale

The revision of General Education requirements brings the B.A. Early Childhood Education (ECE) program (Type 04 Certification) into alignment with not only NLU's own requirements for other degree completion programs, but also into alignment with current practice across the nation. The revision better meets the needs of prospective transfer students. When the general education requirements were reduced from 82 quarter hours to 60 quarter hours, the number of hours required for the Foundational Courses, and the ECE major were affected and increased. The total number of quarter hours required for the degree remains the same at 180 quarter hours.

General Education	60 QH (was 82 QH)
Foundational Courses <i>(Equivalent courses may be transferred from a community college or other regionally accredited institution)</i>	52 QH (was 38 QH)
ECE Program Major <i>(Must be taken at NLU)</i>	38 QH (was 30)
Psychology/Human Development Standard Teaching Concentration:	30 QH (stays the same)

Senate Academic Planning Committee Approval: January 05, 2007

Faculty Senate Approval: January 17, 2007

Program Authorizations: The B.A. Early Childhood Education program (Type 04 Certification) is authorized to be offered in the following Illinois Regions: Chicago; North Suburban; West Suburban; South Metropolitan; Fox Valley; Central; Prairie; and Western.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Effective September 1, 2007.

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General Education Effective February 2007

Previous General Education Requirements	82 QH	Revised General Education Requirements	60 QH
LAE 101: English Composition I	5	2 Written Communication courses	10
LAE 102: English Composition II	5		
LAT 210: Effective Speaking	5	1 Speech course	5
LAE 307: Literature for Children	5	Moved to ECE Foundational course requirement	
Humanities elective	5	Humanities elective	5
LAA 110: Introduction to Art	2	Replaced with Fine Arts elective	5
LAU 110: Introduction to Music	2		
LAM 112: Math Content for Teachers I and LAM 213: Math Content for Teachers II	10	2 college level math courses (course in Basic Statistics recommended but not required)	10
LAN 110: General Biology	5	1 Life Science course*	5
LAN 150: Survey of Physical Science	5	1 Physical Science course*	5
Two Science Electives	8		
US History	5	Moved to ECE Foundational course requirement	
LAS 120: American Politics	5	U.S. Politics course	5
LAS 300: Contemporary World Cultures, etc	5	NonWestern/Global Social Science course	5
2 Developmental Psychology electives	10	1 Developmental Psychology course (one developmental Psychology course moved to ECE Foundational Course requirement.)	5

***One Course Must Have a Lab**

General Education Requirements Effective January 2010

General Education Requirements Effective Fall 2007	60 QH	General Education Requirements Effective Winter 2010	60 QH
2 Written Communication courses	10	LAE 101: English Composition I, or equivalent LAE 102: English Composition II, or equivalent	10
1 Speech course	5	LAT 210: Effective Speaking, or equivalent	5
Humanities elective	5	Humanities elective course	5
Fine Arts elective	5	Introductory Art and /or Introductory Music course	5
2 college level math courses (course in Basic Statistics recommended but not required)	10	2 college level math courses (course in Basic Statistics recommended but not required)	10
1 Life Science course*	5	LAN 110: General Biology, or equivalent*	5
1 Physical Science course*	5	LAN 150: Survey of Physical Science , or equivalent*	5
U.S. Politics course	5	LAS 120: Intro to American Politics, or equivalent	5

1 NonWestern/Global Social Science course	5	1 NonWestern/Global Social Science course	5
1 Developmental Psychology course	5	1 Developmental Psychology course	5

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REVISED B.A. ECE PROGRAM (TYPE 04 CERTIFICATION)

1. Admission Requirements

University Admission Requirements. Students must apply and be admitted to National-Louis University prior to submitting an application for admission to the Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education (B.A. ECE) program (Type 04 Certification). General University admission requirements are listed on page 22 of the 2006-2007 catalog.

Program Admission Requirements. Admission to the B.A. ECE program (Type 04 Certification) is a separate admission process. In a second application process, students must apply for admission and be admitted to the B.A. ECE program (Type 04 Certification) prior to enrollment in major courses..

To be eligible for admission to the B.A. ECE program (Type 04 Certification) you must:

- Complete the general education and ECE Foundational courses.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale on all previous coursework.
- Have a grade of C or better in any of the foundational educational coursework.
- Take and pass the Illinois Test of Basic Skills

2. General Education Requirements

General Education

General Education Requirements	60 QH
LAE 101: English Composition I LAE 102: English Composition II	10
LAT 210: Effective Speaking	5
1 Humanities elective course	5
Introductory Art and /or Introductory Music course	5
2 college level math courses (course in Basic Statistics recommended but not required)	10
LAN 110: General Biology *	5
LAN 150: Survey of Physical Science *	5
LAS 120: Intro to American Politics	5
1 NonWestern/Global Social Science course	5
1 Developmental Psychology course	5

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3. Early Childhood Education Professional Sequence for Certification: The Professional Sequence Includes Both the Foundational and Major Courses.

REVISED Foundational Education Courses

Equivalent May be Taken at a Community College or Other Transfer Institution: 52 QH

Course Code	Course Title	QH
ECE 202	Developmental Theory and Practice	5
ECE 205**	Child Study I: Infant and Toddler	2

ECE 206**	Child Study II: Preprimary	2
ECE 310	Child, Family, and Community	5
ECE 320	Speech and Language Development (must be taken at NLU)	3
ECE 405	Preprimary Methods: Language Arts, Art, Music, and Movement	3
ECE 406	Preprimary Methods: Social Studies, Science, and Mathematics	3
ECE 460	Early Childhood Practicum	7
LAE 307	Literature for Children	5
SPE 300	Survey of Exceptional Children (must have a grade of B or better to transfer)	5
	1 US History course	5
	1 Developmental Psychology course	5
	Elective (<i>Course Added to Sequence</i>)	2

**Includes 35 documented preclinical hours.

4. REVISED B.A. ECE Major: Students must be admitted to the B.A. ECE program (Type 04 Certification) prior to enrollment in the following courses.

B.A. ECE Major; Courses Must Be Completed at NLU: 38 QH

Course Code	Course Title	QH
ECE 207**	Child Study III: Primary	2
ECE 315	History & Philosophy of Early Childhood Education	5
ECE 330	Instructional Technology	3
ECE 340	Classroom Management in Early Childhood Education	5
ECE 470	Full-Day Student Teaching	14
CIS 481	Theory & Methods of Teaching Primary Social Studies	1
MHE 481	Theory & Methods of Teaching Primary Math	3
RLL 481	Theory & Methods of Teaching Primary Reading & Language Arts	3
SCE 481	Theory & Methods of Teaching Primary Science	2

**Includes 35 documented preclinical hours.

Summary of B.A. ECE Program Requirements: Total 180 QH (stays the same)

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Foundational Courses (<i>Equivalent courses may be transferred from a community college or other regionally accredited institution</i>)	52 QH (was 38 QH)
ECE Program Major (<i>Must be taken at NLU</i>)	38 QH (was 30)
Psychology/Human Development Standard Teaching Concentration; Courses are: General Psychology One lower-level Psychology elective Life Span Development (Must be completed at NLU) Cognitive Psych (NLU) Social/Clinical Psych (NLU) Community Psych (NLU)	30 QH (stays the same)

Implementation

All changes need to be entered in Banner

Marketing materials for the revised B.A. Early Childhood Education program (Type 04 Certification) need to be developed.

Transfer Guides need to be updated on the NLU Transfer Guide web site; the General Education, Foundational, and Program Major changes need to be communicated to our community college partners.

ECE faculty must work with the Director of the Undergraduate Academic Advising Center, the Director of Articulation and Compliance, and the Associate Registrar to ensure that students are properly advised.

ECE faculty must work with the Vice Provost and Assistant Registrar for Schedules and Catalogs to ensure that catalog copy is correctly prepared and ready for the 2007-2008 catalog.

The updated General Education requirements effective Winter 2010 need to be in the 2010-2011 catalog and the Transfer Guides need to be updated on the NLU Transfer Guide web site.