



ACADEMIC ALERT #2007-07

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

DECISION: National College of Education (NCE)

New B.A. Early Childhood Practice (ECP) Program (Non-Certification)

Rationale

The new B.A. Early Childhood Practice (ECP) Program (Non-Certification) meets the needs of students who seek a Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education who do not need or want the Type 04 Certification. These students' interests may lie in early development and education but not in public school instruction, and they may intend to seek or continue employment in child care centers or other settings that do not require state certification. This new program, with elective options in childcare center practice and infant/toddler practice, will enable students to acquire the Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Practice without state certification.

Senate Academic Planning Committee Approval: March 5, 2007

Faculty Senate Approval: March 21, 2007

Provost Approval: March 27, 2007

Program Authorizations: The B.A. Early Childhood Practice Program (Non-Certification) is authorized to be offered in the following Illinois Regions: Chicago; North Suburban; West Suburban; and South Metropolitan.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Effective Spring Quarter, 2007; April 1, 2007

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

New B.A. Early Childhood Practice (ECP) Program (Non-Certification)

The B.A. Early Childhood Practice Program (Non-Certification) consists of 180 total quarter hours for the degree. At the October 19, 2006 SAPC meeting, SAPC approved a change in ECE general education hour requirements. General education hours decreased from a total of 82 quarter hours to a total of 60 quarter hours. This change brings ECE general education required courses in line with the University's general education core requirements. This change also provides students with more courses that directly address early childhood education issues and methods.

Admission Criteria

Requirements to be admitted to the B.A. Early Childhood Practice Program (Non-Certification) are the same as the requirements to be admitted to National-Louis University (2006-2007 catalog pages 22-24). In addition to these requirements, applicants must sign and submit the "Student Acknowledgement of B.A. ECP Program (Non-Certification) Limitations" form to the Office of Admissions.

New Courses

New courses included in this program focus on care and education for infants and toddlers and on preschool and child care center practice. New courses were approved by NCE Undergraduate Council and by Senate Curriculum Council and course numbers assigned.

These new approved Early Childhood courses are:

- ECE 301: Understanding Infants and Toddlers (5 QH)
- ECE 302: Essentials of Infant-Toddler Care (3 QH)
- ECE 321: Curriculum and Teaching in the Infant and Toddler Classroom (5 QH)
- ECE 322: Developing Early Childhood Programs (2 QH)
- ECE 326: Administration of Early Childhood Programs (5 QH)
- ECE 335: Best Business Practices in Family Child Care (3 QH)
- ECE 336: Best Practices in Early Childhood Education for Infants, Toddlers and Families (5 QH)
- ECE 337: Ethics and Professionalism in Early Childhood Education (5 QH)
- ECE 492: Internship: Child Care Center and Preschool Practice (7 QH)
- ECE 493: Internship: Infant and Toddler Care and Development (7 QH)

General Education Requirements Effective March 2007

General Education Requirements	60 QH
2 Written Communication courses	10
1 Speech course	5
1 Humanities elective	5
1 Fine Arts elective	5
2 college level math courses (course in Basic Statistics recommended but not required)	10
1 Life Science course*	5
1 Physical Science course*	5
1 U.S. Politics course	5
1 NonWestern/Global Social Science course	5
1 Developmental Psychology course	5

***One Course Must Have a Lab**

General Education Requirements Effective January 2010

General Education Requirements	60 QH
LAE 101: English Comp I, or equivalent	10
LAE 102: English Comp II, or equivalent	
LAT 210: Effective Speaking, or equivalent	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, or equivalent *	5
LAN 150: Survey of Physical Science, or equivalent*	5
LAS 120: Intro to American Politics, or equivalent	5
1 NonWestern/Global Social Science course	5
1 Developmental Psychology course	5

*One Course Must Have a Lab

The Professional Sequence Includes Both the Foundational and Major Courses

Foundational Education Courses

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(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 <i>(Formerly Methods: Language Arts, Art, Music and Movement)</i>	3
ECE 406	Preprimary Methods: Social Studies, Science, Math	3
ECE 460	Early Childhood Practicum <i>(Formerly Half-Day Pre-Primary Student Teaching)</i>	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	2

**Includes 35 documented preclinical hours.

B.A. Early Childhood Practice (Non-Certification) Major

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Courses Must Be Completed at NLU: 38 QH**

Course Code	Course Title	QH
31 quarter hours selected from the following:		
ECE 301	Understanding Infants and Toddlers	5
ECE 302	Essentials of Infant-Toddler Care	3

ECE 321	Curriculum and Teaching in the Infant and Toddler Classroom	5
ECE 322	Developing Early Childhood Programs	2
ECE 326	Administration of Early Childhood Programs	5
ECE 330	Instructional Technology	3
ECE 335	Best Business Practices in Family Child Care	3
ECE 336	Best Practices in Early Childhood Education for Infants, Toddlers and Families	5
ECE 337	Ethics and Professionalism in Early Childhood Education	5
ECE 340	Classroom Management in Early Childhood Education	5
	Or other courses with consent of advisor	
7 quarter hours from ONE of the following:		
ECE 492 OR	Internship: Child Care Center and Preschool Practice OR	7 OR
ECE 493	Internship: Infant and Toddler Care Development	7

**Summary of Requirements
B.A. Early Childhood Practice (ECP) Program (Non-Certification)**

This **non-certification** program is identical to the certification program—B.A. in Early Childhood Education program (Type 04 Certification)—except that the 38 quarter hours in the major are different.

General Education	60 QH
Foundational Courses <i>(Equivalent courses may be transferred from a community college or other regionally accredited institution)</i>	52 QH
EC Practice Program Major <i>(Must be taken at NLU)</i>	38 QH (Must be taken at NLU)
Psychology/Human Development Standard Teaching Concentration; Courses are:	30 QH
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)	
OR Other Concentration in Conjunction with and Consent of Advisor	

Implementation

All changes need to be entered in Banner and CAPP.

Marketing materials need to be developed for this new program and added to NLU's website.

Language must be precise and accurate in the way the B.A. ECP (Non-Certification) is described in any written materials and verbally communicated to students. Compliance must be adhered to and there is no room for error.

The new program needs to be added to the NLU Transfer Guide Web Site.

The revised catalog copy will be written and submitted to the Vice Provost and Assistant Registrar for Schedules and Catalogs to ensure that catalog copy is prepared and ready for the next catalog.

All students admitted to the Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Practice (B.A. ECP) Program (Non-Certification) must sign the form: Student Acknowledgement of B.A. ECP Program (Non-Certification) Limitations. Here is the form:

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.

**Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Practice (B.A. ECP) Program
(Non-Certification)
Student Acknowledgement of B.A. ECP Program (Non-Certification) Limitations**

It has been explained to me and I understand that:

- The B.A. in Early Childhood Practice program (Non-Certification) **does not include** Type 04 (Early Childhood) Illinois teacher certification. In earning this degree, **I will not be eligible to be licensed** to teach in public school settings that require a certified teacher.
- If I should wish to add Type 04 (Early Childhood) Illinois teacher certification at a later date, I will need to enroll in an additional certification program at the graduate level, such as the Master of Arts in Teaching Early Childhood Education (M.A.T. ECE) program. I cannot merely take courses in primary teaching methods and full-day student teaching but must be admitted to and complete a second program.
- The Internship (ECE 492 Internship: Child Care Center Practice or ECE 493 Internships: Infant-toddler Practice) required in the B.A. ECP program (Non-Certification) must be completed in a campus region where NLU has approval to offer this program. That means I must complete the requirements of the Internship in a location that falls geographically within these four approved regions: **Chicago, North Suburban, West Suburban and South Metropolitan**. The location of my internship must be approved by the faculty coordinator of the B.A. ECP program (Non-Certification).
- I must take advisor required face-to-face courses and the internship's seminar **ONLY** at NLU's **Chicago, Lisle, Skokie/North Shore and Wheeling campuses**. These campuses fall geographically within these four approved regions: **Chicago, North Suburban, West Suburban and South Metropolitan**. **I cannot take advisor required face-to-face courses at NLU's Elgin campus**. If any advisor required courses are offered online, I may take those.
- I am responsible for adhering to these requirements.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Printed name: _____ SSN _____