Fall 2015, Spring 2016, and Summer 2016
Please see the NIU Undergraduate Catalog for specific admission information

Elementary Education Major
Department of Literacy and Elementary Education (LEED)
www.cedu.niu.edu/leed/
815-753-8350

1. Attain an overall cumulative GPA of at least 3.00 on a 4.00 scale (as calculated by NIU), including transfer credit (admission to Elementary Education is competitive). Once admitted to Elementary Education, an NIU cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher is required for retention in the program.

2. Complete foundational studies requirements in ENGL 103, ENGL 203, and COMS 100 with no grade lower than C at the time of application. Additionally, a C or better (including NIU and transfer grades) must be earned in all of the following required courses by the end of the semester in which they apply. Students may apply with the following courses in progress (enrolled courses, only):

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<th>NIU Courses</th>
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<td>ARTE 383 Teaching Art in Elementary Schools (3)</td>
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<td>MUED 360 Fundamentals, Principles, and Practices in Elementary Music (3)</td>
<td>Contact an NIU Elementary Education advisor for possible course substitutions for ARTE 383 and MUED 360</td>
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3. Successful completion of the Illinois Licensure Testing System (ILTS) Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP) or ACT report with acceptable scores for the waiver of the TAP. For more information about the ILTS, click on http://www.il.nesinc.com/

4. A departmental application is required for admission to the major. For an application or information regarding this process, contact an Elementary Education office support specialist at the Department of Literacy and Elementary Education, 815-753-8350. Applications are available on-line at http://www.cedu.niu.edu/leed/programs/bachelors.shtml

5. Students are encouraged to have completed all NIU general education requirements prior to admission in the professional semesters of Elementary Education. This may be accomplished by either completing NIU’s general education courses individually, by completing a baccalaureate-oriented associate of art (A.A.) or associate of science (A.S.) degree, or by completing the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) General Education Core Curriculum (GECC). Please contact your community college counselor for more details.

6. Students who have completed the pre-admission requirements may be considered for admission in a specific semester by meeting the following application deadlines:

Program application deadline: March 1 (fall term)
Program application deadline: October 1 (spring term)

Students intending to transfer to NIU should seek academic advisement from their community college counselor.