Pre-Early Childhood Studies

Department of Special and Early Education (SEED) and School of Family, Consumer and Nutrition Sciences (FCNS) Early Childhood Studies Interdisciplinary Major

FCNS: 815-753-1891 http://www.chhs.niu.edu/earlychildhood/
SEED: 815-753-8361 www.cedu.niu.edu/seed/

1. Attainment of an overall GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.00 scale (as calculated by NIU), including transfer credit. GPA is not the only consideration for admission to Early Childhood Studies. The totality of the application, including successful work experience with young children, and the essay questions will be considered.

2. Completion of the following courses with a grade of C or better in each, including transfer credit:

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<th>NIU Courses</th>
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<td>ENGL 103 Rhetoric and Composition I (3)</td>
<td>ENGL 121</td>
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<td>ENGL 203 Rhetoric &amp; Composition II (3)</td>
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<td>COMS 100 Fundamentals of Oral Communication (3)</td>
<td>SPCH 191</td>
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<td>FCNS 230 Child Development (3)</td>
<td>PSY 162</td>
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<td>PSYC 102 Introduction to Psychology (3)</td>
<td>PSY 161</td>
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<td><strong>Plus at least two of the following courses (6) – Note: At least three courses will be required if NIU MATH 201 substitution requires two courses in transfer:</strong></td>
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<td>EPPE 201 Education as an Agent for Change (3)</td>
<td>EDUC 222</td>
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<td>HIST 260 American History to 1865 (3)</td>
<td>HIST 143</td>
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<td>HIST 261 American History since 1865 (3)</td>
<td>HIST 144</td>
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<td>MATH 201 Foundations of Elementary School Mathematics (3)</td>
<td>MATH 164 &amp; 174</td>
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Students should seek advisement early in the academic career for admission to Early Childhood Studies. You will be required to meet the application deadline, competitive GPA, and testing requirements.

**FCNS: Additional prerequisites for the emphasis in 04 licensure (12-15)**

- BIOS 103 General Biology (3) or BIOL 110
- BIOS 109 Human Biology (3) | N/A
- ETT 229 Computers in Education (3) or pass Extra Skills Competency examination (0) | EDUC 225
- FCNS 284 Introduction to Family Relationships (3) | N/A
- SESE 240 Introduction to Special Education (3) | ECE 204 or EDUC 224
- STAT 208 Basic Statistics (3) | MATH 177

**SEED: Additional prerequisites for licensure with preschool special education approval (13-17)**

- ETT 229 Computers in Education (3) or pass Extra Skills Competency examination (0) | EDUC 225
- FCNS 284 Introduction to Family Relationships (3) | N/A
- SESE 240 Introduction to Special Education (3) | ECE 204 or EDUC 224
- One general education Biology course (3-4) | ANY "GE NATURE AND TECHNOLOGY" BIOS COURSE
- One general education Physical Science course (3-4) | ANY "GE NATURE AND TECHNOLOGY" PHYSICAL SCI COURSE
- Either the Biology or Physical Science course must include a laboratory | ANY "GE NATURE AND TECHNOLOGY" LAB COURSE

3. Students must also submit successful results of the completion of the Test for Academic Proficiency (TAP) or ACT report with acceptable scores for the waiver of the TAP upon application to the program.

4. Students must provide proof of freedom from the communicable disease tuberculosis (TB) MANTOUX test only upon application to the program.

5. All students are required to complete COMD 220 Introduction to Communicative Disorders (3) at NIU before graduation if earning licensure through SEED.

Deadline for admission (fall only): March 1

*The March 1 deadline is for completed applications. Early application to NIU is encouraged. Although students may be admitted to the university for any semester as a Pre-Early Childhood Studies major, admission directly into the major is limited to the fall semester only.*