1. Attain an overall cumulative GPA of at least 2.75 on a 4.00 scale (as calculated by NIU), including transfer credit. 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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<td>ARTE 383 Teaching Art in Elementary Schools (3)</td>
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**Contact an NIU Elementary Education advisor for possible course substitutions for ARTE 383 and MUED 360**

EPFE 201 Education as an Agent for Change (3)  
EPS 300 Educational Psychology (3)  
EPS 304 Development of the Elementary School Child (3)  
ETT 229 Computers in Education (3) or pass ETRA Skills Competency Exam (0)

*A competency exam for ETT 229 Computers in Education, is being offered by the Department of Educational Technology, Research, and Assessment. Passing this test would allow the course requirement for admission to Elementary Education to be waived. Registration is required. Contact the ETRA department at: 815-753-9339*

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/](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, 815-753-8350. Applications are available on-line at [http://www.cedu.niu.edu/leed/programs/bachelors.shtml](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)