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Individuals earning a B.S.Ed. degree with a major in elementary education are prepared to apply the following knowledge in the classroom:

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- Academic content and instructional methods
- Assessment
- Technology in teaching

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B.S.Ed. – MAJOR IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION



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ABOUT THE B.S.Ed. – ELEMENTARY EDUCATION MAJOR

Teachers impact the lives of all students and have the opportunity to give back to their communities. The NIU B.S.Ed. degree with a major in elementary education prepares students to teach in grades K-9, and qualifies graduates for Type 03 Illinois Elementary Education Certification. Applicants with their associate's degrees should have completed the required pre-elementary education major courses. Students progress through the program in cohort groups.

Elementary education course work is cross-disciplinary and moves from theory to practice. Multiple field-based experiences with diverse populations allow students to apply their knowledge and skills as they practice in a variety of school settings.

Students enrolled in the B.S.Ed. program in elementary education will enjoy these benefits:

- Courses and field-based experiences conveniently located in the Rockford area
- Type 03 Elementary Education Certification that will allow them to teach students in kindergarten through ninth grade
- High-quality courses taught by NIU faculty
- Professional relationships with classmates as they progress through the program in a cohort group
- The unrivaled reputation of the NIU College of Education in preparing elementary education teachers
- Convenient evening, weekend and online courses that allow busy adults to pursue their degrees part-time



ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Undergraduate students must successfully complete 120 semester hours including general education requirements. A 3.0 GPA is required to be accepted in the elementary education program. Students must maintain a 2.75 GPA to remain in the program.

Students in the B.S.Ed. program with a major in elementary education must complete at least 52 upper-division semester hours and meet the following requirements:

- Methods course work in –
 - Children's literature
 - Reading
 - Mathematics
 - Language arts
 - Social studies
 - Science
- Clinical experiences, seminars, and student teaching
- Other course work in –
 - Collaboration for inclusive teaching and learning
 - Philosophy of education
 - Community resources
 - Assessment
 - Elementary curriculum
 - Classroom management
 - Integration of technology
- Upper-division electives selected with advice and consent of the NIU adviser
 - Additional pre-elementary education course work taken at RVC may serve as transfer credit to fulfill NIU degree requirements with advice and consent of the NIU adviser

ADMISSION

You must successfully complete the Illinois Certification Testing System (ICTS) Basic Skills Test and pre-elementary education course work at the community college level with a minimum cumulative 3.00 grade point average to gain admission to the NIU elementary education program. Preference will be given to those who have completed associate's degrees.

Simply apply to NIU and send all official transcripts. NIU will review your course work and provide an official evaluation so you can see exactly what requirements have been fulfilled and what must be finished for an NIU degree.

If you took or are taking classes through the RVC-NIU dual admissions program, you're already on your way! This seamless transfer process lets you automatically receive NIU credit for certain RVC courses. You will receive updates on your academic progress and understand which RVC courses will transfer for credit to NIU. Your admissions counselor can fill you in on the details.

COST

Tuition and fees are the same as courses held at any of the NIU Outreach Centers and vary by year. Visit www.rvc.niu.edu for current rates.

Financial aid packages are available to eligible students. Consult the NIU Office of Admissions at 1-800-892-3050 for details.

COURSE LOCATION

Courses are offered at the Rock Valley College Stenstrom Center.

CONTACT

Interested in learning more? Visit www.cedu.niu.edu/tlfn for complete course titles, descriptions and additional information.

Have a specific question? Contact the NIU Department of Teaching and Learning at (815) 753-1619 and ask for information on the RVC-NIU Partnership elementary education program.

For additional information, consult the NIU Undergraduate Catalog at www.reg.niu.edu/ugcat/ or call (800) 892-3050.