

CONTEXTUAL INFORMATION

Mission:

Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU), as a public comprehensive university with locations throughout Chicago, provides an exceptional environment for learning, teaching, and scholarship. We prepare a diverse community of students for leadership and service in our region and in a dynamic multicultural world.

Teacher Preparation Programs:

NEIU's College of Education (COE) offers 14 baccalaureate and seven graduate certification programs. Teacher candidates who hold a Bachelor's Degree can pursue certification through the Teacher Certification Program (TCP). Bilingual, English as a Second Language (ESL), and Middle School endorsements are offered for certain certificates.

Student Characteristics:

Fall 2007 NEIU data document a student enrollment of 11,644 students. Of these, 56% of undergraduate students and 15% of graduate students were enrolled full-time. The undergraduate student population is 2% Nonresident alien, 10% Black, non-Hispanic, .4% American Indian or Alaska Native, 11% Asian or Pacific Islander, 29% Hispanic, 42% white, non-Hispanic, and 5% race/ethnicity unknown.

Admissions Requirements:

Admission to Teacher Education Program:

1. Declaration of major.
2. Cumulative GPA of 2.5/4.0. Exceptions: Special Education major requires a cumulative GPA of 2.75 and Physical Education major requires a major GPA of 2.75.
3. Passing score on the Illinois Certification Testing System (ICTS) Test of Basic Skills.
4. "C" or better in both English 101 and college level math leading to NEIU math competency.
5. Recommendation from a university professor.
6. Fingerprint-based Uniform Conviction Information Act (UCIA) Illinois State Police acceptable background check.
7. 30 NEIU or transfer semester credits.

Admission to Student Teaching:

1. Overall GPA of 2.5/4.0 and GPA of 2.75/4.0 in professional education courses and majors within the COE.
2. Grades of "C" or better in all professional education courses.
3. All "I" grades must be converted to grades of "C" or better in professional education and major courses.
4. Negative TB tests 90 days or less prior to student teaching.
5. Grades of "B" or better in all previous clinical experiences, unless the course is

being retaken.

6. Any additional requirements established by the department or program in which the course is housed, or defined within a remediation plan.

Accreditation:

NEIU is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association. The COE is accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Individual programs are accredited by national organizations in Educational Leadership, Special Education, Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education, and Secondary Mathematic Education and Biology Education. The Counseling Program is CACREP accredited.

Teacher Education Vision:

The CEO's vision for teacher education is embodied in its conceptual framework-Professional Practice: Reflective, Collaborative, Transformative. The COE's vision is aligned with the University vision: Northeastern Illinois University sets the standard for student-focused education that prepares graduates to excel in a dynamic multicultural world, and with the University values: Integrity, Excellence, Access to Opportunity, Diversity, Community, and Empowerment Through Learning.

Best Practices:

- COE classes serve as models of student-centered, interactive, challenging learning.
- Technology is integral to all COE classes.
- All COE graduates are prepared to teach reading.
- The COE has institutionalized a culture of collaboration with the College of Arts and Sciences.
- International travel opportunities are offered.
- In addition to curricular field experiences, the COE has a Chicago Teachers' Center (CTC) which involves faculty and students in local schools.

Notable Features and Accomplishments:

- In FY 2008, the COE was awarded over \$13 million in federal, state and local grants that fund over 20 different programs. This grant work supports school partnerships covering all areas of the curriculum, enhances learning for P-12 students in over 100 school and community sites, and facilitates faculty involvement in classrooms.
- Through the CTC, the COE served 113 schools, 18, 466 students, 2,098 teachers, and 2,630 parents in the Chicago area in FY 2008, and is the lead institution in the largest Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) grant in the US.
- The COE was a university partner in two Grow Your Own (GYO) programs.

Program Information for Northeastern Illinois University 2007-2008	
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S.1 Total number of students admitted into teacher preparation, all specializations, in academic year 2007-2008	410
S.2 Number of candidates in supervised student teaching in academic year 2007-2008	408
S.3 Number of faculty members who supervised student teachers:	
➤ S.3A Full-time faculty in professional education	7
➤ S.3B Part-time faculty in professional education but full-time in the institution	6
➤ S.3C Part-time faculty in professional education, not otherwise employed by the institution	20
S.4 Total faculty student teaching supervisors	33
S.5 Student teacher/faculty ratio (Divide total given in S.2 by the number given in S.4)	12:1
S.6A The average number of student teaching hours per week	30
S.6B The total number of weeks of supervised student teaching required	16
S.7 Average total number of hours required	480