December 10, 2014

Effective Fall 2015, the Elementary Education program at Northern Illinois University will have some new requirements as mandated by the state. The chart below identifies the changes:

Current Requirements	New State Requirements	NIU Implementation	SVCC Advising
No Algebra requirement	College Algebra	MATH 110 or equivalent	Complete College Algebra (MAT 121)
No Statistics requirement	Statistics	ETT 420	No additional coursework at CC

HIST 260
HIST 261
PSYC 102
	Coursework that addresses at least four areas of the social sciences (i.e., history, geography, civics and government, and economics of Illinois, the U.S., and the world)	• HIST 260
		• HIST 261
		• PSYC 102
		• Two additional courses identified as meeting NIU's Social Science general education requirements selected from two of the following departments
		   o ANTH
		   o SOCI
		   o POLS
		   o ECON
		   o GEOG
			Complete
			• HIS 221
			• HIS 222
			• PSY 103
			And two additional course equivalents from two different departments identified as meeting NIU's social science general education requirements in SOC, GOV, ECO, or GEO(or course work from these department areas that satisfy IAI social science)

Fall 2014, Spring 2015, and Summer 2015
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 core competency requirements in ENGL 103, ENGL 104, 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):**

NIU Courses	Sauk Valley Equivalents
ARTE 383 Teaching Art in Elementary Schools (3) *or*	N/A
MUED 373 Fundamentals, Principles, and Practices in Elementary Music (3)	N/A
Contact an NIU Elementary Education advisor for possible course substitutions for ARTE 383 and MUED 373	
EPFE 201 Education as an agent for Change (3)	EDU 224
EPS 300 Educational Psychology (3)	EDU 275
EPS 304 Development of the Elementary School Child (3)	N/A
ETT 229 Computers in Education (3) or pass ETRA Skills Competency Exam (0)	EDU 102
A competency exam for ETT (Instructional Technology) 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	
HIST 260 American History to 1865 (3)	HIS 221
HIST 261 American History since 1865 (3)	HIS 222
KNPE 245 Physical Education for Children (3)	N/A
MATH 201 Foundations of Elementary School Mathematics (3)	MAT 110 & 111
If two courses are required, both are used for the cumulative GPA calculation for admission and a C or better is required in each course.	
PSYC 102 Introduction to Psychology (3)	PSY 103
SESE 240 Introduction to Special Education (3)	EDU 220
TLEE 282 Educational Participation in Clinical Experiences: Elementary Education (1)	EDU 276 * NOTE: TLEE 282 IF ELEM EDUC EXPERIENCE DOCUMENTED
One Laboratory Science course (4) (see your community college counselor for suggestions)	ANY "GE SCI MATH" LAB COURSE

3. Successful completion of the Illinois Licensure Testing System (ILTS) Test of Academic Proficiency (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. Students are required to submit a copy of the results from the ILTS with this application. 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)