

Education Transfer Guide

An education degree at Elmhurst University is about best practices that are grounded in research and theory. Our education undergraduates are highly sought after and their extensive school-based experience gives them a critical head start in the field. It also is about practical, hands-on experiences. Future teachers are immersed in real-world applications in schools and practicing teachers are challenged to apply new ideas and best practices in their classrooms and schools.

We offer 17 teacher education programs that lead to Illinois teacher licensure. Our graduates are teaching at every level throughout the United States and abroad. More than 1,700 Elmhurst alumni are teaching in Illinois schools alone.

The Education program at Elmhurst University is one of our most popular and competitive programs. Students must submit an application to the university and complete an application for the Education program separately.

The Education Department application requires a 2.75 cumulative GPA along with completion of the general education courses and your specific program's prerequisite courses. Students must also complete the physical application for their program. The following items are required with the application:

- a. official transcripts;
- b. a personal statement;
- c. two letters (one for secondary programs) of recommendation from professors or a work supervisor that has observed your work with school aged children for the program that you seek;
- d. and a criminal background check.

You can access an application guide and the application for your program on the Education Department webpage (link below).

<https://www.elmhurst.edu/academics/departments/education/admission-requirements/>

For more information on the application and its requirements, please reach out to your admission counselor or Mr. William Slodki (slodkiw@elmhurst.edu) in the Education Department.

Our Education Programs

Educating Young Children (Early Childhood Education) - *Fall start only*

- Students can teach birth-2nd grade
- English as a Second Language (ESL) endorsement and a letter of approval for Special Education are worked into the program

Elementary Teacher Education - *Fall start only*

- Students can teach 1st-6th grade
- Students complete a minor in one of the following areas: Reading Education, Special Education, Teaching English Learners

Special Education - *Fall start only*

- Students can teach K-12th grade
- Students will earn the English as a Second Language (ESL) approval for Special Education or Bilingual Special Education Approval.
- This is an LBS1 endorsement: The program addresses the essential knowledge, skills, and dispositions required to work with students with both high-incidence and low-incidence disabilities from ages five to 21 in a variety of settings, with an emphasis on helping them succeed in the general education curriculum.

Secondary Education - *Fall or Spring start*

5-12 Licensure Programs

Broadfield Science with a minor in either Biology, Chemistry, or Physics
Broadfield Social Science with a major in History or Political Science
Mathematics

*Students in the Broadfield Science and Broadfield Social Science programs can teach their major at the honors and AP level, and teach the other subjects in that category at the regular level

5-8 Licensure Programs

Middle Grades Mathematics
Middle Grades Language Arts

9-12 Licensure Programs

English/Language Arts
Theater Education

K-12 Licensure Programs

Music Education
Physical Education

PK-12 Licensure Programs

World Languages-French
World Languages-Spanish

General Education Requirements

Elmhurst University's general education curriculum includes several sections, two of which are Proficiencies and the Areas of Knowledge. Students should have all or most of these requirements completed before beginning an Education program. There are three Proficiencies and nine Areas of Knowledge.

Proficiencies

Writing - two semesters of composition required **

Mathematics - which course you should take varies by major **

Foreign Language - one year in college or two years in high school

Areas of Knowledge*

Inquiry into Ethics and Justice (IEJ)

Religious Studies in Context (RSC)

Literature (LT)

Fine Arts (FA)

Historical Analysis (HA) **

Social and Political Analysis (SPA) **

Cognitive and Behavioral Sciences (CBS)

Physical Science (PS) **

Life Science (LS) **

**The transfer guide or transfer webpage for your specific school goes over what courses you should take for these general education requirements.*

***These courses must be completed with a C or higher.*

Students should try to have all general education requirements completed before starting the Education program. Students can still begin their Education program missing one or two Areas of Knowledge, but they may have to complete those requirements over the summer. Students should make sure that the one or two requirements remaining are *not* Physical Science or Life Science.