

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

The Education 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 application requires your official transcripts, a personal statement, two letters of recommendation from professors or teaching professionals, 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](mailto:slodkiw@elmhurst.edu)) in the Education Department.

## Department of Education Programs

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

- Candidates can teach birth-2nd grade
- English as a Second Language (ESL) endorsement and a letter of approval for early childhood special education are embedded into the program

### Elementary Teacher Education - *Fall start only*

- Candidates can teach 1st-6th grade in an elementary setting
- Candidates must complete a minor in one of the following areas: Reading Education, Teaching English Learners (Math Education, or another minor, can become an additional minor if completed before the program)

### Special Education - *Fall start only*

- Candidates can teach students with disabilities in Kindergarten up to Age 22
- Candidates will earn the English as a Second Language (ESL) approval for Special Education or Bilingual Special Education Approval.

### New! Elementary Special Education-*Fall start only*

- Candidates will be licensed to teach both elementary (grades 1-6) and special education (kindergarten through age 22).
- Candidates will have experiences with children in elementary and special education settings throughout the program and licensed to teach both areas.

### Secondary Education - *Fall or Spring start*

#### 9-12 Licensure Programs

- Broadfield Science: Biology, Chemistry, Physics
- Broadfield Social Science: History, Political Science
- Mathematics (5-8 and/or 9-12)
- English/Language Arts (5-8 or 9-12)
- \*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

#### PK-12 Licensure Programs

- Music Education
- Physical Education
- French
- Spanish
- Theater Education

# 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.

**Please note that even if you have received credit for meeting the Integrated Curriculum (general education) requirement, you might not have met a program prerequisite coursework requirement.**

## 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.

## **IAI Completion**

Elmhurst University is a participant in the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI). With the completion of the IAI curriculum, the nine Areas of Knowledge within the Elmhurst University Integrated Curriculum will be considered fulfilled. In addition, four of the seven Skills and Value Tags will also be considered complete – Oral Communication (O), Quantitative Reasoning (Q), Intercultural Global Engagement (G) and Intercultural Domestic Engagement (D). The IAI curriculum applies only to Areas of Knowledge and these four named tags. It does not in and of itself satisfy any other components of the Integrated Curriculum (such as other tags, proficiencies and developmental experiences). These other components may be fulfilled with course-to-course evaluations of transfer coursework.

IAI can be completed with an Associate of Arts degree or Associate of Science degree. An Associate of Applied Arts, Applied Fine Arts or Applied Science degree does not fulfill IAI.

The Office of Admission will provide an official Transfer Credit Evaluation once you are admitted into the University. Please contact your admission counselor for any additional questions about IAI or if you would like an unofficial Transfer Credit Evaluation completed prior to applying to Elmhurst University. Connect with an Admission counselor to learn more.