



NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Department of Special and Early Education

College of Education

Master of Science in Education in Early Childhood Education

STUDENT CHECKLIST

Students seeking admission to this program may take approved courses in the program prior to admission; please contact Kate Donohue, cdonohue@niu.edu, for the course selection. Applications are posted at the Graduate School website. Students interested in this program may apply at any time, as there may be a limited number of openings available and late applications may not be considered.

This checklist is an advising tool. It is the student's responsibility to read the Graduate Catalog for programmatic information including courses, course prerequisites and other program requirements.

Prior to admission to the program — requirements:

- _____ An undergraduate GPA of 2.75 or higher.
- _____ Two letters of recommendation.
- _____ A completed admissions application to the [Graduate School](#).
(A **complete** graduate application includes: a completed application, payment of an application fee, official transcripts, career goals statement, résumé, and letters of recommendation.)

Once admitted:

- _____ Accept your admission using [MyNIU](#). MyNIU [Job Aids](#) are available online.
If you have additional problems you can contact the DoIT service desk by calling 815-753-8100.
- _____ Meet with your assigned faculty advisor to plan your program of study. Discuss possible transfer credits from other universities. (Please have a copy of the syllabus from the course(s) in question. The syllabus will be used to determine if the appropriate course standards have been met.)
- _____ If you will be participating in a clinical experience complete a [Criminal Background Check](#).

Program of study for Master's in Early Childhood Education (without certification):

- _____ SEEC 500 Analysis of Instruction: Early Childhood Education (3)
- _____ SEEC 504 Developmentally Appropriate Practice in the Primary Classroom (3)
- _____ SEEC 535 Family and School Partnerships for Academic Success (3)
- _____ EPS 506 Seminar in Child Behavior or HDFS 532 (3)
- _____ SEEC 511 Comparative/International Early Childhood Education (3)
- _____ SEEC 521 Educational Diagnosis/Assessment of Young Children with Special Needs (3)
- _____ **or**
- _____ SESE 523 Assessment in Early Childhood Special Education (3)
- _____ One course in Education Research (3)
- _____ ETR 519 **or** ETR or another course with adviser approval
- _____ SEEC598 Master's Cumulative Project (3)
- _____ Area of Study (min. nine credit hours) — these courses can be selected from one of the following areas of specialization. Check with your advisor for appropriate course selection.
 - Administration of EC Programs -Movement Development -ESL
 - Emergent Literacy -Pedagogy in ECE -Special Education

Prior to graduation:

- _____ Contact your advisor to determine if all requirements for your master's degree have been completed.
- _____ The semester **before** you plan to graduate complete the Application for Graduation. You can apply using MyNIU. Failure to do so will delay your graduation.

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