

ACADEMIC PLANNING GUIDE

EDUCATION: EARLY CHILDHOOD CERTIFICATION

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	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
First Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •NPD 1000: Dialogue I •BTS 1850: Introduction to the Bible •Foreign Language 1010 Option •MATH 1030: Concepts and Structures 	4 4 4 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Culture and Society Option •Fine Arts Option •Foreign Language 1020 Option •Science Quad/Science Quad Option 	4 2 4 2/2
	TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS	16	TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS	14
Second Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Biblical Studies Option •Personal Development Option Concentration Option Concentration Option Elective 	4 2 4 4 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •NPD 2000: Dialogue II EDUC Professional Term A* Concentration Option 	4 9 4
	TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS	16	TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS	17
Third Year	EDUC Professional Term B* Elective(s)	11 6	EDUC Professional Term C* Concentration Option Concentration Option	10 4 2
	TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS	17	TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS	16
Fourth Year	Concentration Option Concentration Option Concentration Option Elective	4 4 4 4	EDUC Professional Term D*	12
	TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS	16	TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS	12

- Course meets a general education requirement
- * Professional Terms A and D are offered Fall and Spring, as well as EDUC 3430 and clinical experiences EDUC 3510, EDUC 3520 and EDUC 4110. Check when specific Early Childhood classes are offered for Professional Term B and Professional Term C.

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- Students majoring in early childhood education must choose a concentration. Consult the School of Education for details.
 - Methods courses for grades K- 4 are only offered in the fall.
 - The above represents an ideal distribution of the courses required for certification. The School of Education along with your advisor may suggest a different sequence of courses for your professional term experiences.
 - MATH 1030 is a required course for Early Childhood Education majors.

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Graduation Requirement:

120 semester hours, minimum

General Education Requirements:

44 semester hours

The North Park Dialogue (12) Students in this professional program are not required to take NPD 3000.

- Dialogue I (4)
- Dialogue II (4)
- Dialogue III (4)
- Culture and Society (4)
- Personal Development (2)
- Biblical Studies (8)
 - BTS 1850 (4)
 - BTS option (4)
- Foreign Language (8)
 - 1010 Level (4)
 - 1020 Level (4)
- Mathematics (4)
- Fine Arts (2)
- Natural Science (4)
 - Biology (2)
 - Chemistry/Physics (2)

See General Education checklist for specific courses that will fulfill each requirement.
<http://www.northpark.edu/generaleducation>

Some general education courses may meet course requirements for your major.

Major Requirements:**Required Semester Hours:** 58 semester hours**Required Education Courses:** 41 semester hours, minimum

- EDUC Professional Term A (9 semester hours)
 - EDUC 2120: Practicum A: Introduction to Teaching (1)
 - EDUC 2130: Educational Psychology (2)
 - EDUC 2140: Curriculum (2)
 - EDUC 2145: Assessment (2)
 - EDUC 2155: Teaching with Technology (2)

Additional Graduation Requirements

- Total of 120 semester hours, minimum. Additional courses may need to be taken to meet this requirement.
- Grade Point Average
 - Overall cumulative grade point average of 2.50
 - Cumulative grade point average in major, concentration and Education coursework of 2.75
- Last 30 semester hours must be taken at North Park
- Acceptance into the Teacher Education Program. A grade point average in education coursework of 2.75 is required.

Major Requirements cont.: EDUC Professional Term B (11 semester hours)

- EDUC 2300: Infant & Child Development (2) *spring only*
- EDUC 3340: Methods in Science K-4 (1) *fall only*
- EDUC 3345: Methods of Reading, Language Arts & Social Studies K-4 (4) *fall only*
- EDUC 3370: Methods in Mathematics K-4 (1) *fall only*
- EDUC 3430: Survey of Exceptional Learner (3)
- EDUC 3510: Practicum B: Teaching Aiding(0)

 EDUC Professional Term C (10 semester hours)

- EDUC 3180: Language Development in Early Childhood (2) *fall only*
- EDUC 3330: Principles & Practice of Play and Language in Early Childhood Education (2) *fall only*
- EDUC 3360: Instruction in Early Childhood (2) *spring only*
- EDUC 3520: Practicum C (1) (must be taken twice)
- EDUC 3930: Parent Child Community Relations (2) *spring only*

 EDUC Professional Term D (12 semester hours)

- EDUC 3130: Multicultural Education (2)
- EDUC 4100: Student Teaching-Early Childhood (4)
- EDUC 4110: Student Teaching-Elementary (4)
- EDUC 4600: Education Philosophy Capstone: Seminar for Student Teachers (2)

Academic Area of Concentration: In addition to requirements in education, students must complete an 18 semester hour area of concentration.

Additional Notes:**Illinois State Board of Education Teacher Exams:**

Basic Skills Test: Students are required to pass the ISBE Basic Skills Test for acceptance into the program & placement for teacher aiding.

Content Area Test: Students are required to pass the ISBE Content Area Test prior to beginning student teaching.

Assessment of Professional Teaching: Students are required to pass the APT test prior to receiving a certificate

Education Sequence Prerequisite: Students must have completed 45 credit hours, and have a G.P.A. of 2.5 or above to enroll in Professional Term A.

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