

The Alternative Certification Program at NLU

Early
Childhood
(PK-2)

Elementary
Education
(1-6)

Secondary
Education
(9-12)

Special
Education
(PK-22)

What programs are offered?

NLU offers the following Alternative Education Programs:

• **Early Childhood** • **Elementary Education** • **Secondary Education 9-12** • **Special Education**

PROGRAM STRUCTURE:

The Alt Cert Programs in Illinois are designed to be completed in 2 years. New cohorts start in the summer. Those who finish the summer coursework, field experiences, and pass the content test are eligible for the Alternative Professional License (APE).

INFO FOR HIRING DISTRICTS:

Are you a district seeking teachers to fill vacancies? You can hire Alternative Program Candidates with an APE as the full-time teacher, or as a co-teacher.

Districts must provide candidates with a qualified mentor. The principal must complete a comprehensive assessment of the candidate. A district representative must also meet regularly with an NLU representative to ensure the candidate is supported.

Classes start Summer, 2024

Your paras/subs can be teacher of record for 2024-2025 school year!

Learn more at an upcoming Information Session!



**Wednesday, April 3rd
5 - 5:30 p.m.**

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Interested in the Alt Cert Program? Candidates must have the following requirements:

- A BA from a regionally accredited college or university
- Major must be in Reading, English/Language Arts, Mathematics, or a Science degree
- If none of content areas above apply, the applicant must submit transcripts to the State Board of Education for review
- Candidate must pass the appropriate content test