

NATIONAL LOUISIS UNIVERSITY

2021 FALL UPDATES

General Announcements

- **Direct to Success (D2S)** - We offer our Direct to Success Scholarship, a 25% tuition rate value, for students who have a minimum 2.0 GPA, complete an associate degree from one of our partner colleges and transfer within a year of graduation. For more information please visit www.transfer.nl.edu
- **Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI)** - The Centro de Excelencia at NLU serves as the hub for programs and initiatives that advance our work as a community and career focused HSI. Currently, 47% of our undergraduate students identify as Latinx.
- **NLU's Accelerated Pathway to Teaching** – For students who have college credits in other subject areas other than education and want to become an elementary school teacher, NLU now offers students the opportunity to take graduate level teacher preparation coursework as an undergraduate in the BA Applied Behavioral Sciences (ABS) program. ABS students can earn a Master's degree (M.A.T.) and an Illinois professional educator license (PEL).
- **Social Work Major** – NLU introduced BA Social Work in Fall 2021.
- **Upcoming new majors** (Spring 2022) - NLU will introduce a new BA Secondary Education in 2022.
- **KENDALL COLLEGE'S "WORK, EARN, AND LEARN PROGRAM"** – Our bachelor's degree program has a focus on the needs of employers in the hospitality field and properly prepares students for successful hospitality careers through internship opportunities and a flexible blend of campus-based and online coursework.
- **Degree Works Launch** - is a user-friendly degree-tracking application that students can access through the Banner Self-Service page.
- **New Enhanced Transfer Website** - Transfer students and college advisors will find the new NLU enhanced transfer website easy to navigate - <https://www.transfer.nl.edu/>



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EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- **NLU now offers five undergraduate education programs:** B.A. in Early Childhood Education, B.A. in Infant-Toddler Studies, B.A. in Elementary Education, B.A. in Applied Educational Studies, and B.A. in Early Childhood and Elementary Education. Programs are available 100% online, on campus, in the evening or weekend.
- **New Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood and Elementary Education program** - Completion of this program allows students to earn both the Early Childhood Education (birth - grade 2) and Elementary Education (grades 1-6) endorsements.

Scholarships and Financial Aid Resources

- Direct to Success Scholarship (covers 25% of NLU tuition)
- Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship* (up to \$8,000 per year)
- Louis Scholarship - need based (\$1,800 per year / 2.5 GPA)
- Baker Scholarship- merit based (\$1,800 per year / 3.35 GPA)
- Bullock Scholarship – all Early Childhood students qualify
- **Community Heroes Program - valued at 15% of total tuition**
- **COVID-19 Student Emergency Assistance Fund to support students impacted by the COVID-19 crisis**

*Please visit, nl.edu/scholarships for detailed information, including eligibility requirements

International Students

NLU has full support services for international transfer students and will be there to assist in the application process and transfer of I-20. Once on campus students benefit from international student support services for visa maintenance and student life activities.

Higher Education Opportunities

- **Ed.D. in Higher Education Leadership** - The program provides participants with an in-depth study of all functional areas of higher education institutions. An emphasis on mission-driven leadership, data-driven and research-informed practice and decision-making, and student-centered outcomes define the program.
- **Ed.D. Postsecondary Teaching and Instructional Leadership** - This program serves postsecondary educators who seek to deepen their professional teaching practice, expand knowledge of instructional approaches that help college students learn, adopt a critically reflective approach to teaching, and strengthen capacities to approach college students as adult learners.

*As a reminder, all full-time community college partner employees are eligible for a 10% discount for all NLU programs.



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