



Daniel L. Goodwin College of Education

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## Featured Opportunity

### NEIU-CPS Teacher Apprenticeship Program — Apply Now!

Undergraduate Students,



# NEIU + CPS Teacher Apprenticeship Program

A new partnership between Northeastern Illinois and Chicago Public School.

Registered Apprenticeship path to becoming a Teacher in **Special Education**, **Bilingual Education** or **Physical Education**, **Early Childhood Education**.  
↑ (Pending at this time)



### Benefits for participating students:

- Tuition-free for summer coursework
- 384 paid clinical hours, \$20 per hour
- Guaranteed paid work placements
- Mentorship from experienced CPS teachers
- Peer mentoring through the Apprenticeship Program
- Potential for paid year-long student teaching placement in CPS
- Potential CPS interview upon degree completion

### Teacher Candidate Pathway to Admission:

- 1 Preferred Application Due Date: March 1, 2026
- 2 Final Application Deadline: March 15, 2026
- 3 1st Round Interviews: April 1, 2026
- 4 2nd Round Interviews: April 18, 2026
- 5 Mandatory Summer Orientation (4 days)



Program Website



Application

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Apprenticeship/Pre-apprenticeship Directors

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**NEIU + CPS Teacher Apprenticeship Program**, a paid pathway to becoming a teacher.

The information session will be held on **Monday, March 9 at 3:00pm via Zoom**.

During this session, our two exemplary program directors—Dr. Wendy Gonzalez and Tracy Stillwell—will share:

- An overview of the apprenticeship program and benefits
- Who should consider applying
- The application and interview process
- Important dates and next steps
- Time for questions and answers

**This unique opportunity is open to teacher candidates that are planning to complete their first clinical experience in Fall 2026 in Bilingual Elementary Education, Special Education, Physical Education, and Early Childhood Education (pending approval)**

### **Information Session Details**

**Date:** Monday, March 9, 2026

**Time:** 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm

**Zoom Link:**

<https://neiu-edu.zoom.us/j/81038239219?pwd=CVAZxeNCsbrzGaPUjiBoXxpiKPatTr.1>

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **Audrey Reynolds Distinguished Teaching Award Lecture**

**Thursday, March 5, 2026 | 3:00–4:30 PM Main Campus, Golden Eagles Room**

*Reception to follow lecture*

You are invited to attend a lecture by **Dr. Timothy Barnett**, the 2025 Audrey Reynolds Distinguished Teaching Professor. Dr. Barnett is a professor in the Department of English.

**Lecture Title: Teaching Writing: Curating Words to Establish a Voice**

#### **About the Award:**

The Audrey Reynolds Distinguished Teaching Award is given annually to the tenured member of Northeastern's faculty who best demonstrates distinguished teaching, innovation, high standards, and a positive impact on students at the University. Each year, the recipient of the award gives a presentation to our Northeastern community. Join us in celebrating excellence in teaching and learning from one of our most distinguished faculty members.

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## **International Business Conference 2026**

**Tuesday, March 10, 2026 | 10:30 AM–8:30 PM Main Campus, Alumni Hall**

The College of Business and Technology (CBT) is delighted to announce that the annual **International Business Conference (IBC)** will take place on March 10, 2026.

**Theme: "The Modern Entrepreneur: Creating Shared Value Worldwide"**

Hosted by the College of Business and Technology, this annual event brings together international business professionals, consulates, faculty, and students from the U.S. and abroad to explore global business trends, share insights, and build meaningful professional connections.

**The conference provides a unique platform to:**

- Learn about business on an international scale
- Network with global professionals and students
- Gain diverse international perspectives
- Explore global careers, internships, and consulting opportunities

**For updates and additional details, visit:** [neiu.edu/ibc](https://neiu.edu/ibc)

CBT looks forward to welcoming you to the International Business Conference — join us in making IBC 2026 a memorable and impactful event.

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## **NEIU Bulls Game Day**

**Sunday, March 16, 2026** **United Center** *Transportation departs Main Campus at 4:15 PM*

The Office of Student Success and Retention, in collaboration with the Office of Alumni Relations, are hosting an **NEIU Bulls Game Day** on March 16. Share the excitement of Bulls basketball as the team takes on the Memphis Grizzlies this Spring Break!

### **Career Readiness Panel Discussion**

This event will include a **panel discussion on career readiness** at the United Center prior to the game from **5:30–6:30 PM** with corporate professionals that work with the Bulls in:

- Marketing
- Communications
- Business Strategy Analytics
- Community, People and Culture

### **Event Details:**

- **Tickets:** \$10 per student (maximum two tickets)
- **Availability:** While supplies last, first come first served
- **Game Time:** 7:00 PM
- **Transportation:** Departs Main Campus at 4:15 PM; returns to Main Campus after the game

**Fill out the Google Form if you are interested.**

**Questions?** Email the Student Success and Retention Team at **STS@neiu.edu**

*If NEIU alumni or community members would like to purchase tickets at a 20% discount, please use the BullsxNEIU link.*

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## **Launch Celebration: GCOE Ed.D. in Leadership, Equity & Inquiry Doctoral Program**

**Thursday, March 26, 2026 | 5:00–7:30 PM Student Union 115 - Alumni Hall (North & South)** NEIU Main Campus, 5500 N. St. Louis Ave., Chicago, IL 60625

You are cordially invited to the official launch of our new doctoral program!

**Ed.D. in Leadership, Equity and Inquiry Theme:** *Bridging Theory and Practice: What does it mean to be a scholar-practitioner?*

Join Founding Director **Dr. Kamau Rashid** for an exciting evening as we introduce the program's vision, curriculum, and commitment to advancing leadership, equity, and inquiry in education and beyond.

### **Program Agenda:**

- **Welcome address:** Dr. Tom Philion, Dean, Goodwin College of Education
- **Remarks about the new doctoral program:** Dr. Kamau Rashid, Professor, Founding Director of the Leadership, Equity and Inquiry Ed.D. Program
- **Panel discussion with Q&A from the audience**
- **Closing remarks:** Dr. Gabriel Cortez, Director, ENLACE Leadership Institute; Professor, Literacy, Leadership, Development, & Special Education

### **Panelists:**

- **Dr. Nicole Holland** - Associate Professor of Educational Leadership, National College of Education, National Louis University
- **Dr. Natalie Neris** - Professor, Educational Foundations Program, GCOE; African and African American Studies Program, CAS, Northeastern Illinois University
- **Dr. Gloria McDaniel Hall** - Masters in Community and Teacher Leaders Program, GCOE; CEO and Principal Consultant, Roots and Reimagine Consulting Collective

### **Event Details:**

- **Parking:** Complimentary parking is available on Levels 4 and 5 of the Parking Facility
- **Cost:** This event is **free and open to the public**
- **Food and beverages will be provided**

We look forward to celebrating this milestone with our valued alumni and current students. **Space is limited — please RSVP soon!**

**Learn more:** <https://www.neiu.edu/academics/programs/leadership-equity-and-inquiry-edd>

## **Save the Date: University-wide Visit to Chicago History Museum**

**Friday, March 27, 2026 | 9:00 AM–4:00 PM Chicago History Museum**

NEIU administrators, staff, faculty, and students are invited to join a University-wide visit to the **"Aquí en Chicago"** exhibit at the Chicago History Museum.

**Event Organizers:** This trip is organized by the Council on the Status of Latinx and the Angelina Pedroso Center for Diversity and Intercultural Affairs, with the support of President Katrina E. Bell-Jordan.

### **Why This Matters:**

As a Hispanic-Serving Institution, this visit aligns with NEIU's commitment to belonging, asset-based learning, and student success, as well as the Seal of Excelencia's emphasis on culturally responsive practice and institutional effectiveness.

For employees, the exhibit offers a meaningful professional learning opportunity that deepens understanding of the lived histories and resilience of Chicago's Latiné communities — the largest segment of our student population. Broad participation across roles and ranks matters. Showing up together is a concrete expression of solidarity and care.

Students can learn and experience community-building opportunities that communicate that they belong, particularly in the current political climate.

This trip is a concrete manifestation of solidarity, care, and shared responsibility. The visit also intentionally centers Latiné students as experts, creating space to invert traditional hierarchies and engage in reciprocal learning.

**Additional details and sign-up information are forthcoming.**

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## Scholarships

### Goodwin College of Education (GCOE) Scholarships

The Daniel L. Goodwin College of Education offers a variety of scholarships to support undergraduate and graduate students pursuing programs in education and related fields. These scholarships help make educator preparation more accessible and affordable for students committed to careers in teaching, counseling, leadership, and other education professions.

Each year, the Goodwin College of Education distributes more than **\$95,000 in scholarships** made possible through the generosity of alumni and other benefactors. Scholarships are available for students enrolled in GCOE programs, with eligibility requirements varying by award and often including academic merit, demonstrated financial need, and progress toward degree completion.

Students are encouraged to review available opportunities and eligibility requirements on the GCOE Scholarships webpage.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.neiu.edu/academics/colleges-departments/education/gcoe-scholarships> or contact [gcoe-scholarships@neiu.edu](mailto:gcoe-scholarships@neiu.edu) for additional details.

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## Student Support Resources

The Daniel L. Goodwin College of Education offers comprehensive support to teacher candidates and students pursuing their educational goals. From academic tutoring and career planning to financial assistance and mentorship programs, NEIU is committed to your success.

### Available Support Services Include:

- Academic advising and tutoring
- Career planning and professional development
- Financial assistance and scholarship opportunities
- Mentorship programs
- Clinical placement support
- Licensure guidance
- Student organizations and networking opportunities

### Learn more about available student supports:

<https://www.neiu.edu/academics/colleges-departments/education/student-supports>

Northeastern Illinois University's partnership with Kaplan for the program that provides FREE access to Kaplan's industry-leading resources titled "[Prepare for Illinois' Future Powered by Kaplan's All Access License™](#)" has been **extended**. This program is administered through the [Illinois Student Assistance Commission \(ISAC\)](#).

### What this means for students

Students can prepare for more than 40 different graduate admissions, licensure and credentialing exams, *and* take skills development courses – all at no cost. They have Kaplan's expert guidance and comprehensive materials at their fingertips as they prepare for crucial exams like the GRE®, GMAT®, MCAT®, LSAT® and many more.

### Spread the word to our students

Please share this resource with your students and encourage them to sign up! Students can sign up by visiting [go.kaplan.com/illinois](http://go.kaplan.com/illinois).

For assistance or further questions, please contact the Office of Community and Professional Education at [cape@neiu.edu](mailto:cape@neiu.edu).

## Stay Connected

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For questions about events or programs featured in this newsletter, please contact:

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*Stay connected with NEIU and don't miss out on upcoming opportunities. We look forward to seeing you at these events!*

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