



NEIU and CPS Continuing Endorsement Program

Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) is excited to announce the continuation of its Chicago Public Schools (CPS) partnership with the CPS Continuing Endorsement Program. The Continuing Endorsement Program offers CPS teachers a pathway to earn Illinois teaching endorsements at a reduced tuition rate. Additionally, completed coursework may also be applied towards the master's degree programs in Special Education, Teaching & Instruction, or ESL Instruction.

Tuition and Costs

Program courses are offered at reduced tuition rates (\$300 per credit hour) with varying total costs depending on the earned endorsement.

BIL/ESL (18 hours) endorsement: \$5,400

LBS I limited (13 hours) endorsement: \$3,900

LBS I PK-21 (27 hours) endorsement: \$8,100

Endorsement Pathways

To best meet the needs of working teachers, the Continuing Endorsement program is offered in two cohorts. The LBS I Endorsement Program and the Bilingual and ESL Endorsement program.

LBS I (Limited and PK-21) Endorsement

The LBS I Endorsement program is offered in a combination of online and in-person courses with two practicum courses held in the **William Itkin Children's Service Center** on the NEIU main campus (5500 Saint Louis Avenue). The current deadline for Cohort 1 is June 15 and Cohort 2 is November 15, 2017.

	Cohort 1 LBS I Limited Endorsement August 26, 2017 – December 18, 2018	Cohort 2 LBS I PK-21 Endorsement August 26, 2017 – May 10, 2018
Fall 2017	SPED 404	SPED 501, SPED 503
Spring 2018	SPED 501	SPED 504, SPED 506
Summer 2018	SPED 504	SPED 509, SPED 510
Fall 2018	SPED 509	SPED 511, SPED 520
Spring 2019		SPED 514B

Candidate Requirements for LBS I Endorsement

Applying candidates must meet the following requirements for acceptance into the program and:

- A. Earn meet admission requirements to the **NEIU College of Graduate Studies and Research**
 1. Bachelor's degree
 2. Minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale (Previous graduate credit is also taken into consideration.)
 3. Two professional letters of recommendation
 4. Statement of Goals
- B. Submit valid Illinois State Teaching licensure in one of the listed types: Professional Educator License 03, 04, 09 or 10 (other than LBS I).

Contact Information

Teachers interested in the **LBS I Endorsement** program may contact Ebony Jiminez Lee, *Department of Special Education* (e-jiminezlee@neiu.edu).

Bilingual and ESL Endorsement

The Bilingual and ESL Endorsement program is delivered as a hybrid experience with face-to-face class meetings at NEIU El Centro campus (3390 N. Avondale).

	Cohort 1 June 30, 2017 – December 18, 2018	Cohort 2 January 8, 2018 – December 18, 2018
Summer 2017	TESL 414	
Fall 2017	BLBC 439	
Spring 2018	TESL 402	TESL 414, BLBC 439
Summer 2018	BLBC 441, BLBC 442	BLBC 442, BLBC 441
Fall 2018	TESL 410	TESL 410, TESL 402

Candidate Requirements for Bilingual and ESL Endorsement

Interested candidates must

- A. Apply to the NEIU College of Graduate Studies and Research as a Student-At-Large,
- B. Provide university/college transcripts with evidence of an earned bachelor's degree,
- C. Pass the ISBE Language Proficiency exam in the target language of program (note, not required for ESL endorsement).

Contact Information

Teachers interested in the **Bilingual and/or ESL Endorsement** program may contact Gina Gamboa, *Center for College Access and Success* (g-gamboa@neiu.edu).

Master's Degree Options

Candidates opting to pursue a master's degree program will be directed to the NEIU College of Graduate Studies and Research to apply for full acceptance into the respective program.

