

Early Childhood Education Program Matrix – Governors State University

PROGRAM	Undergraduate – Bachelor of Arts Degree			Graduate – Master of Arts	Post-BAC Certificates	
	BA: Option 1, Licensure	BA: Option 2, Non-Licensure (Director Cred)	BA: Option 3, Licensure, Workforce	MA: initial Licensure	Post-BAC: EC Endorsement	Post-BAC: EC Special Education Approval
CREDIT HOURS	121	121	121	40	19	18
CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS						
Has a Bachelor's Degree				X	X	X
Has a PEL (teaching license)					X	X
DEGREES & CREDENTIALS EARNED						
Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education	X	X	X			
Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education				X		
Initial Licensure, PEL	X		X	X		
ESL Endorsement (18 Credit Hours)	X	X	X			
Early Childhood Endorsement (Birth – Grade 2)	X		X	X	X	
Early Childhood Special Education Approval	X		X	X		X
Gateways Credentials: ECE Level 5/6, ITC Level 3, and/or IDC Level 2	ECE 5, ITC 3	ECE 5, ITC 3, IDC 2	ECE 5, ITC 3	ECE 6, ITC 3	ECE 4	
TYPE OF PROGRAM						
Licensure (Birth – Grade 2)	X		X	X		
Subsequent Endorsement (Birth – Grade 2)					X	X
DELIVERY						
Traditional	X	X				
Evenings	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hybrid or Online			X	X	X	X
Job-Embedded Opportunities for Some Field Experiences			X	X	X	
PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS						
ILTS Content Exam, EC (for licensure)	X		X	X	X	
Student Teaching with C-Past (or Practicum for non-licensure)	X	X	X	X		
GENERAL EDUCATION (49-52 credit hours)	X	X	X			
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION (18 – 60 credit hours) <i>*pre-requisites</i>						
EDUC 2310*	Foundation of Education (3)	X	X	X	X	
EDUC 2330*	Educational Psychology I: Child Growth and Development (3)	X	X	X	X	X
ENGL 2131 / 6080*	Literature of Children and Adolescents (3)					
SPED 2100 / 6101*	Survey of Students with Exceptionalities (3)	X	X	X	X	X
EDCP 2101 / 6101*	Introduction to Educational Technology (3)	X	X	X	X	
EDUC 3410 / 7410	Classroom Management (1)	X	X	X	X	
EDUC 3440 / 7440	Educational Psychology II: Learn, Assess, & Clssrm Mngmnt (3)	X	X	X	X	
EDEC 3099 / 6099	Developmental Appropriate Practices in ECE (4)	X	X	X	X	
EDEC 3570 / 7570	Assessment and Differentiated Instruction in EC (3)	X	X	X	X	X
EDEC 3590	STEAM in Education (3)	X	X	X	X	
EDEC 4550 / 6550	Family, Community, and Culture (3)	X	X	X	X	X
EDEC 4551 / 6551	Field Experiences 1: Infants and Toddlers (1)	X	X	X	X	X
EDEC 4560 / 6560	Preprimary Curriculum, Literacy and Exceptional Learners (3)	X	X	X	X	X
EDEC 4561 / 6561	Field Experiences 2: Preschool and Kindergarten (1)	X	X	X	X	X
EDEC 4570 / 6570	Literacy in Early Childhood Education (3)	X	X	X	X	X
EDEC 4571 / 6571	Field Experience 3: Literacy in Primary Grades (1)	X	X	X	X	X
EDEC 4580 / 6580	Math, Science, Social Studies in Early Childhood (3)	X	X	X	X	
EDEC 4581 / 6581	Field Experience 4: Math, Sci, SS in Primary Grades (1)	X	X	X	X	
EDEC 8810	Research & Issues in Education I (3)				X	X
EDEC 8811	Research & Issues in Education II (1)				X	X
EDEC 4820	Leadership and Management in Early Childhood (3)		X			
EDEC 4899	Practicum in Early Childhood Education (9)		X			
EDEC 4999 / 8999	Student Teaching in Early Childhood Education (12)	X		X	X	