Early Childhood Education Program Matrix – Governors State University

PROGRAM	Bachelor of Arts			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						
Credit Hours (total)	121	121	121	39	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
Opportunities for Job-Embedded Field Experiences (for some courses)			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)						
General Education Courses (required)	X	X	X			
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION (18 – 60 credit hours) *pre-requisites*						
EDUC 2310* Foundations of Education (3)	X	X	X	X		
EDUC 2330* Educational Psychology I: Child Growth and Development (3)	X	X	X	X	X	
ENGL 2131* Literature of Children and Adolescents (3)	X	X	X	X		
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 & Responsive Learn Envirments(2)	X	X	X	X		
EDUC 3550 / 7440 Applied Educational Psychology (3)	X	X	X	X		
EDEC 3099 / 6099 Developmentally Appropriate Practices in ECE (3)	X	X	X	X		
EDEC 3570 / 7570 Assessment and Differentiated Instruction in EC (3)	X	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	X
EDEC 4551 / 6551 Field Experiences 1: Infants and Toddlers (1)	X	X	X	X	X	
EDEC 4560 / 6560 Science and SS Methods, CRTL & Excep Learners (3)	X	X	X	X	X	X
EDEC 4561 / 6561 Field Experiences 2: Preprimary Grades (1)	X	X	X	X	X	
EDEC 4570 / 6570 Literacy Methods in Early Childhood Education (3)	X	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 Methods in Early Childhood (3)	X	X	X	X		
EDEC 4581 / 6581 Field Experience 4: Math in Primary Grades (1)	X	X	X	X		
EDEC 8810 Research & Issues in Education I (3)				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		