

## Early Childhood Education

### Bachelor's Program: Option 1 – Initial Licensure

#### Program Overview

**Degree:** Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education

#### **Certifications Earned:**

- Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL)
  - Early Childhood Endorsement, Birth to Grade 2
  - Early Childhood Special Education Approval Endorsement, PreK
  - ESL Endorsement, K-12
- Illinois Gateways Credentials:
  - Early Childhood (ECE) level 5
  - Infant Toddler (ITC) level 3

**Candidates:** Candidates who do not have a bachelor's degree and seek initial licensure with an endorsement in Early Childhood Education (Birth to Grade 2)

#### **Coursework**

##### **Introductory (4 courses, 12 hours)**

- EDUC2310: Foundations of Education (3)
- EDUC2330: Educational Psychology I - Child Growth and Development (3)
- SPED2101: Survey of Students with Exceptionalities (3)
- EDCP2101: Introduction to Educational Technology (3)
- ENGL2131: Literature of Children and Adolescents (3) *\*part of GenEds*

##### **Professional (14 courses, 42 credit hours)**

- EDUC3550: Applied Educational Psychology (3)
- EDUC3410: Classroom Management and Responsive Learning Environments (2)
- EDEC3099: Developmentally Appropriate Practices in Early Childhood Education (3)
- EDEC3570: Assessment & Differentiated Instruction in Early Childhood (3)
- EDEC3590: STEAM in Education (3)
- EDEC4550: Family, Community, and Culture (3)
- EDEC4551: Field Experience 1-Infants & Toddlers (1)
- EDEC4560: Science and Social Studies Methods, CRTL & Exceptional Learners (3)
- EDEC4561: Field Experience 2: Preprimary Grades (1)
- EDEC4570: Literacy in Early Childhood Education (3)
- EDEC4571: Field Experience 3: Literacy Methods in Primary Grades (1)
- EDEC4580: Math in Early Childhood Education (3)
- EDEC4581: Field Experience 4: Math in Primary Grades (1)
- EDEC4999: Student Teaching in Early Childhood Education (12)

##### **Teaching Specialization - ESL Certificate (18 hours)**

- BBED4501: Teaching English as a Second Language (3)
- BBED4520: Foundations of Bilingual and ESL Education (3)
- BBED4525: Assessment of Language of Minority Students (3)
- BBED4530: Methods and Materials for Teaching in Bilingual Programs (3)
- BBED4538: Cross Cultural Education (3)
- BBED4977: Reading Strategies in the Bilingual and ESL Classroom (3)

**Total Program Hours:** 72

**Total Program Semesters:** 5-6 (about 2 years)

#### **Course Offerings:**

**Time:** Mostly daytime, some evenings

**Modality:** Mostly face-to-face, some online

**Gen Eds: (49-52 hours)**

- Math: 6 hours
- Science: 10 hours
  - life: 3 hours
  - earth: 3 hours
  - physical: 3 hours
  - lab: 1 hour
- Written communication: 6 hours
- Oral communication/speech: 3 hours
- Health: 3 hours
- Social Science: 12 hours
  - World Geography: 3 hours
  - Psychology: 3 hours
  - American Government: 3 hours
  - U.S. History: 3 hours
- Humanities: 6 hours
  - ENGL 2131, Children's Literature: 3 hours (required)
- Fine Arts: 3 hours
- -Non-Western Humanities or Third World Culture: 3 hours (only if art does not count)

*Note: equivalent courses can be transferred*

**Total Degree Hours: 121**