

Early Childhood Education

Bachelor's Program: Option 2 – Non-Licensure / Director Credential

Program Overview

Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education

Certifications Earned:

- Illinois Gateways Credentials:
 - Early Childhood (ECE) level 5
 - Infant Toddler (ITC) level 3
 - Director (IDC) level 2

Candidates: Candidates who do not have a bachelor's degree and seek an Illinois Gateways Director Credential (and do *not* seek initial licensure)

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)
- EDEC4820: Leadership and Management in Early Childhood Education (3)
- EDEC4899: Practicum in ECE (9)

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