

Early Childhood Education

Post-BAC: EC Endorsement Certificate

Program Overview

Advanced Certificate: Early Childhood Education Endorsement, Birth to Grade 2 (*post-BAC, no degree*)

Level: Graduate

Certifications earned:

- Early Childhood Education Endorsement, Birth to Grade 2
- Illinois Gateways, ECE level 4 and ITC level 3

Audience: Candidates with Professional Educator License (PEL) seeking subsequent endorsement in EC

Admissions Criteria:

- Bachelor's Degree
- Cumulative GPA of 2.75
- Valid teaching license (Professional Educator License – PEL)

Program Coursework

1. EDEC6099: Developmentally Appropriate Practices in Early Childhood Education (3)
2. EDEC6550: Family, Community, and Culture (3)
3. EDEC6551: Field Experience 1 - Infants & Toddlers (1)*
4. EDEC6560: Science and Social Studies Methods, CRTL & Exceptional Learners (3)
5. EDEC6561: Field Experience 2 - Preprimary Grades (1)*
6. EDEC6570: Literacy Methods in Early Childhood Education (3)
7. EDEC6571: Field Experience 3 - Literacy in Primary Grades (1)*
8. EDEC7570: Assessment & Differentiated Instruction in Early Childhood (3)

**field experiences must be taken at the same time as their corresponding methods course (co-requisite)*

Total Hours: 18

Course Offerings & Plan

Fall only courses (15 weeks)			
EDEC 6099	Developmentally Appropriate Practices in ECE	3	
EDEC 6570	Literacy Methods in Early Childhood	3	
EDEC 6571*	Field Experience 3: Literacy in Primary Grades	1	FE Hours
Spring only courses (15 weeks)			
EDEC 6550	Family, Community, and Culture	3	
EDEC 6551*	Field Experiences 1: Infants & Toddlers	1	FE Hours
EDEC 6560	Science and Social Studies Methods, CRTL & Exceptional Learners	3	
EDEC 6561*	Field Experiences 2: Preprimary Grades	1	FE Hours
Summer only courses – Summer Session II (7.5 weeks)			
EDEC 7570	Assessment and Differentiated Instruction in EC	3	
Total		18	

Time: evenings, except for field experience courses

Modality: online synchronous (at a scheduled time) and/or online asynchronous, except for FE

Course Schedule: courses are only offered once a year.

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