

Early Childhood Education

Bachelor's Program

Option 3: Incumbent Workforce & Para to Teacher

Program Overview

Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education

Certifications earned:

- Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL)
- Early Childhood Endorsement, Birth to Second Grade
- Early Childhood Special Education Approval Endorsement
- ESL Endorsement
- IL Gateways Credentials, Early Childhood and/or Infant-Toddler

Candidates: Candidates who do not have a Bachelor's degree and seek initial licensure with an endorsement in Early Childhood Education (birth to 2nd grade). Candidates must be in the incumbent workforce or work as para and approved as such.

Program Coursework

Introductory Courses (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: Children's Literature (3) **part of GenEds*
- Field Experience Hours: 25

Professional Education (14 courses, 42 credit hours)

- EDUC3410: Classroom Management (1)
 - EDUC3440: Educational Psychology II – Learning, Assessment, and Classroom Management (3)
 - EDEC3099: Developmentally Appropriate Practices in Early Childhood Education (4)
 - 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, and Families (1)
 - EDEC4560: Curriculum, Literacy, & Exceptional Learners in Preprimary Grades (3)
 - EDEC4561: Field Experience 2: Preprimary (1)
 - EDEC4570: Literacy in Early Childhood Education (3)
 - EDEC4571: Field Experience 3: Literacy in Primary Grades (1)
 - EDEC4580: Math, Science, and Social Studies in Early Childhood Education (3)
 - EDEC4581: Field Experience 4: Math, Science, and Social Studies in Primary Grades (1)
 - EDEC4999: Student Teaching in Early Childhood Education (12)
- Field Experience Hours: at least 155 + student teaching

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)
- Field Experience Hours: 100

Total Hours: 72

Total semesters: 7-8 (2.5-3 years)

Course Modality: Remote, Hybrid, Online, and Face-to-face (depends on the course)

Gen Eds: (49-52 hours)

- Math: 6 hours
- Science: 10 hours (3 life, 3 earth, 3 physical, 1 lab)
- Written communication: 6 hours
- Oral communication/speech: 3 hours
- Health: 3 hours
- World Geography: 3 hours
- Psychology: 3 hours
- American Government: 3 hours
- U.S. History: 3 hours
- Humanities: 3 hours
- English (ENGL 2131, Children's Literature): 3 hours
- 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