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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



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Early Childhood Education

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

A growing field working with young children as a . . .

- Child Care Director or Lead Teacher
- Pre-K Teacher
- Head Start Teacher
- Child Care Home Director / Teacher
- Early Childhood Special Education Aide

PRACTICAL TRAINING

Students in the Early Childhood Education program receive practical training in the on-campus RLC Foundation Children's Center. The state-of-the-art laboratory features a student observation classroom and video monitoring. Students learn from interaction with infants, toddlers, preschool and school-age children. Classes cover specific Child Development Associate (CDA) competencies and provide training in:

- Emerging Curriculum
- Reggio Emilia Project Approach
- Learning Centers
- Computers with Children
- Naturalistic Observation
- Critical Thinking Development for Young Children

STUDENT SERVICES

- Individualized advisement
- Caring instructors
- Résumé and interview training
- Job placement assistance
- Opportunity to develop a portfolio for future employment

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Associate in Applied Science Degree

This curriculum provides students with the background in early childhood and general studies necessary for a career in early childhood education. Graduates will be prepared for positions as family child care providers, teachers and directors in child care centers, family group homes, Head Start programs, and after-school programs. Additionally, this degree meets the requirements for Gateways to Opportunities Early Childhood Credential Level 4. ■ **Total = 67 Hours**

First Semester		Cr. Hrs.
CSCI 1101	Introduction to Computers	3
ECE 1201	Child Development	3
ECE 1202	Intro to Early Childhood Education	3
ENGL 1101	Rhetoric and Composition I	3
HEA 1102	Basic First Aid	2
CULA 1205	Food Sanitation	1
		<u>15</u>

Second Semester		Cr. Hrs.
ECE 1206	Curriculum and Teaching Strategies for Young Children	3
ECE 1207	Language Arts for Young Children	3
ECE 1208	Family / Community / Staff Relations	3
ECE 1210	Child Study and Observation	3
MATH 1107	Contemporary College Math	3
MATH 1202	or Business Mathematics ¹	3
SOCI 2101	Social Problems	3
		<u>18</u>

Third Semester		Cr. Hrs.
ECE 1209	Curriculum Lab ²	3
ECE 2205	Programming / Teaching School-Age	3
ECE 2206	Program. / Teach. Infants and Toddlers I	3
ECE 2207	Child Guidance	3
ECE 2208	Teaching the Child with Disabilities	3
ECE 1205	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
		<u>18</u>

Fourth Semester		Cr. Hrs.
COMM 1101	Principles of Effective Speaking	3
ECE 1204	Creative Activities for Young Children	3
ECE 2202	Center-Based Child Care Mgmt.	3
ECE 2203	Science and Math for Young Children	3
ECE 2209	Practicum ³	4
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¹ Prerequisite course(s) may be required based on results of COMPASS, ASSET, ACT or SAT scores.

² Prerequisites: ECE 1206, ECE 2207, completion of 12 hours in Early Childhood Education, minimum 2.0 GPA and instructor consent.

³ Prerequisites: ECE 1209, completion of 21 hours in ECE courses, minimum 2.0 GPA, instructor consent.

NOTE: Reading course(s) may be required based on test scores.

NOTE: DCFS background check and physical exam required.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Associate in Arts in Teaching Degree

The Associate of Arts in Teaching (AAT) in Early Childhood Education is a two-year transfer degree that prepares students entering the field of early childhood education in preparation as a certified teacher in the state of Illinois. Early Childhood Education teachers with an 04 teaching certificate are certified to teach in preschool through third grade classrooms. The AAT provides students with the program equivalent of the first two years of most four-year college teacher education programs in early childhood education. Students should check individual school requirements prior to transfer and before completing the curriculum as outlined. The degree consists of general education courses, professional education courses, and courses in the early childhood education major area. Students must also pass the Illinois Basic Skills test and develop an electronic portfolio reflecting the Illinois Professional Teaching Standards to earn the AAT in Early Childhood Education. AAT students are advised to complete the program prior to transfer. Transfer students obtaining the AAT ECE Degree will be on "equal footing" with native four-year institution students when seeking admission to an upper division ECE Degree program. Admission into baccalaureate degree programs is competitive and most senior institutions require a GPA of 2.5 or higher; completion of these courses alone does not guarantee admission. ■ **Total = 62 Hours**

First Semester		Cr. Hrs.
ART 1101	Art Appreciation	3
ECE 1201	Child Development ¹	3
ECE 1202	Intro to Early Childhood Education ¹	3
ENGL 1101	Rhetoric & Composition	3
MATH 1130	Math for Elementary Teachers I	4
		<u>16</u>

Second Semester		Cr. Hrs.
COMM 1101	Principles of Effective Speaking	3
ECE 1206	Curriculum and Teaching Strategies for Young Children ¹	3
ECE 1208	Family/Community/Staff Relations ¹	3
ECE 1210	Child Study & Observation ¹	3
ENGL 1102	Rhetoric & Comp II	3
		<u>15</u>

Third Semester		Cr. Hrs.
ECE 1205	Health, Safety and Nutrition ¹	3
EDUC 1101	Introduction to Education ¹	3
MATH 2110	Math for Elementary Teachers II	3
PHIL 2103	World Religions	3
PHSC 1102	Principles of Earth Science	3
		<u>15</u>

Fourth Semester		Cr. Hrs.
BIO 1100	College Biology for Non-Majors	4
GEOG 1101	Intro to Geography	3
HIST 2101	American History	3
MUSI 1100	Music Appreciation	3
POLI 2101	American Government	3
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¹ Grade of C or better is required.

NOTE: EDUC 1104 (Educational Technology) is recommended for students requiring additional training in this area. Grade of C or better is required.

NOTE: ECE 1209 (Child Development Practicum I) is recommended for students attending SIU-C and for Gateways ECE Credential Level 4.

NOTE: Students pursuing the AAT in ECE degree will be required to pass the Basic Skills Test. If unable to pass the Basic Skills test, but successful in all courses within the AAT curriculum, the student will obtain an AA degree. The AAT degree in ECE will be granted with eighteen credit hours of early childhood education courses.

ILLINOIS DIRECTOR CREDENTIAL LEVEL 1

The purpose of the Illinois Director Credential is to validate the achievement of competencies necessary for effective leadership and management of center-based early care and education programs. Anyone interested in encouraged to:

- Complete minimum of 21 hours leading to an AAS or AAT Degree in Early Childhood Education
- Complete application for Director Credential
- Provide documentation of management experience and professional contributions

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