

Early Childhood Education
Bachelor's Program: Option 1 – Initial Licensure
Governors State University

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)

- EDUC3410: Classroom Management (1)
- EDUC3550: 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)

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 Semesters: 5-6 (about 2 years)

Course Offerings:

Time: Mostly daytime, some evenings

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