

Early Childhood Education

Bachelor's Program: Option 3, Initial Licensure (Teacher Workforce)

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
- IL 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). Candidates must be in the incumbent/teacher workforce (teacher in childcare center or work as paraprofessional in the schools) - and are approved as such.

Coursework

Introductory (5 courses, 15 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 for 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: 7-8 (2.5-3 years)

Course Offerings:

Time: evenings (except field experiences)

Modality: online synchronous (at a scheduled class time), face-to-face, online asynchronous

Semester Start: fall start only

Gen Eds: (39 hours)

- Math: 3 hours
- Science: 7 hours (2 courses and 1 lab)
- Written communication: 6 hours
- Oral communication/speech: 3 hours
- Health: 3 hours
- Social Science: 9 hours
- Humanities: 3 hours
- Humanities - ENGL 2131, Children's Literature: 3 hours
- Fine Arts: 3 hours (preferably Non-Western Humanities or Third World Culture)
-equivalent courses can be transferred

Total Degree Hours: 121