

Early Childhood Education
Post-BAC: EC SPED Approval Certificate
Governors State University

Program Overview

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

Level: Graduate

Certifications Earned:

- Early Childhood Special Education Approval, PreK

Intended Audience: Candidates with Professional Educator License (PEL) with an Early Childhood Education Endorsement (birth to grade 2) seeking subsequent endorsements

Admissions Criteria:

- Bachelor’s Degree
- Cumulative GPA of 2.75
- Valid teaching license (Professional Educator License – PEL) and an Endorsement in Early Childhood Education (*Note: candidates cannot earn the EC SPED approval on their PEL if they do not already have an Early Childhood Endorsement*)

Program Coursework

1. EDEC6550: Family, Community, and Culture (3)
2. EDEC6560: Curriculum, Literacy, & Exceptional Learners in Preprimary Grades (3)
3. EDEC6570: Literacy in Early Childhood Education (3)
4. EDEC7570: Assessment & Differentiated Instruction in Early Childhood (3)
5. EDEC8810: Research and Issues in Education I (3)
6. SPED6101: Survey of Students with Exceptionalities (3)

Total hours: 18

Course Offerings:

Time: evenings

Modality: online synchronous (at a scheduled class time)

Course Offerings and Plan

Fall only courses (15 weeks)			
EDEC 6570	Literacy in Early Childhood	3	
EDEC 8810	Research and Issues in Education I	3	
Spring only courses (15 weeks)			
EDEC 6550	Family, Community, and Culture	3	
EDEC 6560	Pre-primary Curriculum, Literacy & Exceptional Learners	3	
Summer only courses - Summer II, July 5-August 18 (7.5 weeks)			
EDEC 7570	Assessment and Differentiated Instruction in EC	3	
Fall/Spring courses (15 weeks)			
SPED 6101	Survey of Students with Exceptionalities	3	Field Experience Hours: 15
Total		18	