Early Childhood Education

The following is presented as an articulation agreement between City Colleges of Chicago (CCC) and Governors State University (GSU) for the Early Childhood Education degree program based on the current catalogs of both schools. The student would complete an Associate of Arts (AA) from one of the CCC and a Bachelors of Arts (BA) degree in Early Childhood Education from GSU. The Early Childhood Education program has special admissions requirements; please review the catalog for more information.

I. TRANSFERABLE GENERAL EDUCATION CORE CURRICULUM (43 Hours)

Area A: Written Communication (9 hours)
- ENGLISH 101 - Composition I (3)
- ENGLISH 102 - Composition II (3)
- SPEECH 101 - Fundamentals of Speech Communication (3)

Area B: Humanities and Fine Arts (9 hours)
- Fine Arts Course (3)*
- Humanities Course (3)*
- Literature Course (3)*

Area C: Mathematics for Elementary Teachers (6 hours)
- MATH 121 - Math for Elementary Teachers I (3)
- MATH 122 - Math for Elementary Teachers II (3)

Area D: Biological and Physical Science (10 hours)
- Choose one:
  - BIOLOGY 114 – General Education Biology (4) or BIOLOGY 121 - Biology I (5)
  - CHEM 121 - Basic Chemistry (4) or CHEM 201 - General Chemistry I (5) or
  - PHYSICS 221 – Mechanics, Waves and Heat (5)
- Choose one:
  - ASTROMY 201 - Descriptive Astronomy I (3) or GEOLOGY 201 - Physical Geology (3)

Area E: Social and Behavioral Sciences (19 hours)
- GEOG 101 - World Geography (3) *(Meets Non-Western Cultures Requirement)*
- POL SCI 201 - The National Government (3)
- PSYCH 201 - General Psychology (3)

*Refer to the CCC AA/AS guidelines for a list of course choices in Section I.

II. AREA OF CONCENTRATION/MAJOR FIELD (18 Hours)

Professional Education Core Courses (12 hours)
All professional education courses are required to be completed with a grade of B or better.
- CHLD DV 101 - Human Growth and Development I (4) *(Meets EDEC 3320)*
- CHLD DV 120 - Intro to Early Childhood Education Group Care (3) *(Meets EDEC 3310)*
- CHLD DV 205 - Development of the Exceptional Child (3) *(Meets SPED 2100)*
- ECUC 102 - Using Technology in the Class (3) *(Meets EDCP 2101)*

Other Transferrable Required Courses (6 hours)
- Choose one:
  - CHLD DV 107 – Health Safety and Nutrition (3) or HEALTH 250 - Health Education (3)
- Choose one:
  - HISTORY 111 or 112 - History or American People to 1865 or from 1865 (3)
III. **ACADEMIC ECE SELECTIVES (12-18 Hours)**  
Please see advisor to select courses that meet your career objectives. All selective courses must be approved.

IV. **TO BE COMPLETED AT GSU (41-47 Hours)**

**Professional Education Courses (32 hours)** (To be completed for both Track I and II)
- EDEC 3371 - Developmentally Appropriate Practices in EDE (4)
- EDEC 3380 - Typical and Atypical Speech and Language Development (3)
- EDEC 4420 - Methods of Teaching in the Arts (3)
- EDEC 4430 - Observation and Assessment of Young Children with and without Special Needs in the Community (3)
- EDEC 4440 - Child and Family with and without Special Needs in the Community (3)
- EDEC 4441 - Lab 1: Infants and Toddler Methods (1)
- EDEC 4450 - Preprimary and Special Education Methods (3)
- EDEC 4451 - Lab 2: Preprimary (1)
- EDEC 4460 - Integrating Instruction in Early Childhood Education (3)
- EDEC 4480 - Literacy Methods in Early Childhood Education (3)
- EDEC 4481 - Lab 3: Literacy in Early Childhood Education (1)
- EDEC 4490 - Methods of Teaching Primary Math, Science and Social Studies (3)
- EDEC 4491 - Lab 4: Teaching Primary Math, Science and Social Studies (1)

**Track Option I Only (12 hours)**
- EDEC 4999 - Student Teaching in Early Childhood Education (12)

**Track Option II Only (9-15 hours)**
- EDEC 4470 - Guidance of Young Children (3)
- EDEC 4595 - EC Leadership: Principles and Management (3)
- EDEC 4899 - Practicum in ECE (3-9)

**Minimum Required for BA in Early Childhood Education: 120 Hours**