

Early Childhood Education

The following is presented as an articulation agreement between City Colleges of Chicago (CCC) and Governors State University (GovState) 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 – Director's Credential (Non-Licensure) from GovState. **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)*
- LIT 130 – Children's Literature (3) (Meets ENGL 2131)

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)
- Choose one:** 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 (9 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 (19 Hours)

Professional Education Core Courses (10 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 EDUC 2330)
- CHLD DV 120 - Intro to Early Childhood Education Group Care (3) or EDUC 101 - Intro to Education (3) (Meets EDUC-2310)
- CHLD DV 205 - Development of the Exceptional Child (3) (Meets SPED 2100)

Other Transferrable Required Courses (9 hours)

- Choose one:** CHLD DV 107 – Health Safety and Nutrition (3) or HEALTH 250 – Health Education (3) **(Meets the Health requirement)**
- Choose one:** HISTORY 111 or 112 - History or American People to 1865 or from 1865 (3)
- Elective (3)

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III. TO BE COMPLETED AT GOVSTATE (59 Hours)

Professional Education Courses (56 hours)

- EDCP 2101 - Intro to Educational Technology (3)
- EDEC 3099 - Junior Seminar: Dev Appropriate Practices in Early Childhood Education (3)
- EDEC 3333 - Educating the Whole Child: Arts, Outdoor Learning/Healthy Living in Early Childhood (3)
- EDUC 3410 - Classroom Management and Responsive Learning Environments (3)
- EDEC 3570 - Assessment and Differentiated Instruction for Diverse Learners in Early Childhood (3)
- EDEC 3580 - Linguistics/Language Dev in Early Childhood and Diverse Language Learners (3)
- EDEC 3590 - Science Methods and STEAM in Early Childhood Education (3)
- EDEC 4550 - Family, Culture, and Community in Early Development (3)
- EDEC 4551 - Field Experience: Applied Practice in Infant & Toddler Classrooms (2)
- EDEC 4560 - Integrated Soc Studies and Literacy: Supporting CRTL and Diverse Learners in ECE (3)
- EDEC 4561 - Field Experience: Applied Science and Social Studies Methods in Early Childhood (2)
- EDEC 4570 - Literacy Methods in Early Childhood Education (3)
- EDEC 4571 - Field Experience: Applied Literacy Methods in Early Childhood (2)
- EDEC 4580 - Math Methods in Early Childhood Education (3)
- EDEC 4581 - Field Experience: Applied Math Methods in Early Childhood (2)
- EDEC 4820 - Leadership and Management in Early Childhood (3)
- EDEC 4899 - Senior Capstone: Practicum in Early Childhood (9)

Teacher Specialization Coursework (3 hours)

- BBED 4520 - Foundations of Bilingual and ESL Education (3)

Minimum Required for BA in Early Childhood Education – Director’s Credential – Non-Licensure: 121 Hours

For more information:

Governors State University
Jaguar Transfer Evaluator at
<https://govst.transfer.degree/>

College of Education and
Human Development website
at www.govst.edu/cehd

City Colleges of Chicago Transfer Centers

Richard J. Daley College
(773) 838-7690
Harold Washington College
(312) 553-5778
Kennedy-King College
(773) 602-5285

Malcolm X College
(312) 850-7088
Olive- Harvey College
(773) 291-6537
Harry S Truman College
(773) 907-4424
Wilbur Wright College
(773) 481-8200

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