

Early Childhood Education

The following is presented as an articulation agreement between Joliet Junior College (JJC) 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 Applied Science (AAS) from JJC and a Bachelors of Arts (BA) degree in Early Childhood Education from GovState. **The Early Childhood Education program has special admissions requirements; please review the GovState catalog for more information.**

I. TRANSFERABLE GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES: (15 Hours)

Area A: Communications (3 hours)

ENG 101 - Rhetoric (3)

Area B: Humanities and Fine Arts (3 hours)

Fine Arts Course (3)*

Area C: Mathematics (3 hours)

IAI Mathematics Course (3)

Area D: Biological and Physical Science (3 hours)

Life or Physical Science Course (3)

Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 hours)

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

II. AREA OF CONCENTRATION/MAJOR FIELD (48 Hours)

Education Core Courses (36 hours)

- CDEV 101 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education (3) (Meets EDUC 2310)
- CDEV 201 - Health, Safety and Nutrition for Young Children (3) (Meets Health)
- CDEV 210 - Child, Family and Community (3) (Meets EDEC 4550)
- CDEV 215 - Child Study and Observation (3) (Meets EDEC 3570)
- CDEV 220 - Instructional Methods in Early Childhood Setting (3) (Meets EDEC 4560)
- CDEV 230 - Discipline/Classroom Management (3) (Meets EDUC 3410)
- CDEV 255 - Child Development Internship & Seminar (3) (Meets EDEC 4551 + 4561)
- CDEV 216 - Early Literacy (3) (Meets Humanities Course)
- CDEV 250 - Dev Appropriate Infant/Toddler Care (3)
- EDUC 240 - Students with Disabilities in Schools (3) (Meets SPED-2100)
- CDEV 208 - Child Growth and Development (3) (Meets EDUC 2330)
- PSYC 1101 - General Psychology (3) (Meets PSYC-1101)

Electives Courses (12 hours)

Recommend: ENG 109 (Meets ENGL 2131), COMM 101 (Meets COMM 1000), EDUC 230 (Meets EDCP-2101) and PSYC 102 (Meets EDUC-3440)

III. TO BE COMPLETED AT GOVSTATE (55 Hours)

Professional Education Courses (49 hours) (To be completed for Option III)

- EDUC 2770 - First Aid and Emergency Response for Educators (1)
- EDEC 3000 - Writing Workshop Seminar (1)
- EDEC 3003 - Lesson Planning with Developmentally Appropriate Practice in ECE Seminar (2)
- 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 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 4999 - Senior Capstone: Student Teaching in Early Childhood Education (12)

Teacher Specialization Coursework (6 hours)

- BBED 4501 - Teaching English as a Second Language (3)
- BBED 4520 - Foundations of Bilingual and ESL Education (3)

Minimum Required for BA in Early Childhood Education: 121 Hours

For Additional Information:

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

Visit the College of Education and Human
Development at www.govst.edu/CEHD

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