

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 Arts (AA) from JJC and a Bachelors of Arts (BA) degree in Early Childhood Education – Director's Credential from GovState. **The Early Childhood Education program has special admissions requirements; please review the GovState catalog for more information.**

I. TRANSFERABLE GENERAL EDUCATION CORE CURRICULUM: (46-48 Hours)

Area A: Communications (9 hours)

- ENG 101 - Rhetoric (3)
- ENG 102 - Rhetoric (3)
- SPCH 101 - Principles of Speech (3)

Area B: Humanities and Fine Arts (9 hours)

- Fine Arts Course (3)*
- Humanities Course (3)*
- Literature Course (3)*

Area C: Mathematics (7 hours)

- MATH 123 - Math Structures/Concepts I for Elementary School Teachers (4)
- MATH 124 - Math Structures/Concepts II for Elementary School Teachers (3)

Area D: Biological and Physical Science (12-14 hours)

- Choose one:** BIO 104 - Biological Diversity (5) or BIO 151 - General Biology I (5)
- Choose one:** CHEM 100 - Fundamentals of Chemistry (5) or CHEM 101 – General Chemistry I (5) or PHYS 100 - Basic Physics (4) or PHYS 101 - General Physics I (5)
- Choose one:** ASTR - 101 Descriptive Astronomy (3) or GEOL - 101 Principles of Physical Geology (3) or GEOG 111 - Physical Geography - Weather and Climate (4)

Social and Behavioral Sciences (9 hours)

- GEOG 102/106 - World Regional or Cultural Geography (3) (Meets Non-Western Cultures Req't)
- PSCI 101 - American National Government (3)
- PSYC 101 - General Psychology (3)

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

II. AREA OF CONCENTRATION/MAJOR FIELD (17-18 Hours)

Professional Education Core Courses (12 hours)

All professional education courses are required to be completed with a grade of B or better.

- CDEV 101 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education (3) (Meets EDUC 2310)
- CDEV 208 - Child Growth and Development (3) (Meets EDUC-2330)
- EDUC 230 - Classroom Tools and Resources (3) (Meets EDCP 2101)
- EDUC 240 - The Exceptional Child (3) (Meets SPED 2100)

Other Transferrable Required Courses (5-6 hours)

- Choose one:** CDEV 201 – Health, Safety and Nutrition for Young Children (3) or HEAL 109 – Principles of Normal Nutrition (2) (**Meets Health Requirement**)
- Choose one:** HIST 103- History of the United States to 1865 (3) or HIST 104 –History of the United States 1865 to Present (3)

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III. TO BE COMPLETED AT GOVSTATE (56 Hours)

Professional Education Courses (53 hours)

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

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