

Early Childhood Education – Incumbent Workforce from the AAS in Early Childhood Educator Degree

The following is presented as an articulation agreement between Moraine Valley Community College (MVCC) 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) in Early Childhood Educator from MVCC and a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Early Childhood Education – Incumbent Workforce 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: (25 Hours)

Written Communication (9 hours)

- COM 101 - Composition I (3) (meets ENGL-1000)
- COM 102 - Composition II (3) (meets ENGL-1010)
- COM 103 - Speech Fundamentals (3) (meets COMM-1000)

Mathematics (3 hours)

- MTH 102 or MTH 121 - Math for Professionals or Mathematics for Teachers I (3)

Life and Physical Science (4 hours)

- IAI Physical Science or Life Science with a lab (4)

Social and Behavioral Sciences (9 hours)

- PSY 101 - Introduction to Psychology (3) (Meets PSYC-1101)
- PSY 104 - Life-Span Developmental Psychology (3) (Meets PSYC-2201)
- One additional IAI Social Science (non-psychology) (3)

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

II. Required Career Courses (30 Hours)

- ECE 101 - Intro to Early Childhood (3) (Meets EDEC 2310)
- ECE 105 - Health, Safety and Nutrition (3) (Meets Health requirement at GSU)
- ECE 109 - Child, Family and Community (3)
- ECE 201 - Math, Science and Social Studies (3) (Meets science gen ed)
- ECE 202 - Growth and Development/Young Child (3) (Meets EDUC-2330)
- ECE 205 - Curriculum-Early Childhood Programs (3)
- ECE 103 - Observation/Clinical Experience (3)
- ECE 104 - Intro. to the Foundations of Reading (3)
- EDU 110 - Technology for Educators (3) (Meets EDCP 2101)
- EDU 111 - Intro to the Exceptional Child (3) (Meets SPED 2100)

Required Practicum and Seminar (3 Hours)

- EDU 233 and 237 - ECE Practicum (2) and ECE Practicum Seminar (1)

Required Elective (3 hours)

- ECE 107 or EDU 105 - Infant and Toddler Dev or Classroom Management (3)

REQUIRED A.A.S. IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR TOTAL: 61 credits minimum

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III. TO BE COMPLETED AT MVCC OR GOVSTATE (9 Hours)

- IAI Humanities Course (3)
- IAI Fine Arts Course (3)
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IV. 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: 120 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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