

Early Childhood Education – Incumbent Workforce

The following is presented as an articulation agreement between Kankakee Community College (KCC) 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 Education from KCC 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: (12 Hours)

Written and Oral Communication (9 hours)

- ENGL 1613 - English I (3)
- ENGL 1623 - English II (3)
- COMM 1553 - Introductory Speech (3)

Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 hours)

- PSYC 1813 - Introduction to Psychology (3)
- IAI Social Science Course (3) (Meets KCC Elective Course)
- *Refer to the KCC AA/AS guidelines for a list of course choices in Section I.*

II. AREA OF CONCENTRATION/MAJOR FIELD (45 Hours)

Professional Education Core Courses (39 hours)

- ECED 1513 - Child Growth and Development (3) (Meets EDEC 2330)
- ECED 2163 - Discipline and Classroom Management (3)
- ECED 2223 - Art and Music Activities (3) (Meets Fine Arts Course)
- ECED 2233 - Language Acquisition and Development (3) (Meets Humanities Course)
- ECED 2243 - Science/Math Activities (3) (Meets Science Course)
- ECED 2253 - Motor Development/Physical Activities (3)
- ECED 2403 - Clinical Experience (3)
- ECED 2513 - Child, Family & Community Relations (3)
- ECED 2523 - Intro to Early Childhood Ed (3) (Meets EDUC 2310)
- ECED 2533 - Early Childhood Curriculum Dev (3)
- ECED 2543 - Child Study and Observation (3)
- ECED 2633 - Health, Nutrition and Safety (3) (Meets Health requirement)
- EDUC 1833 - The Exceptional Learner/Child (3) (Meets SPED-2100)

Other Courses (6 hours)

- Choose 2: Suggest EDUC 1763 (Meets EDCP 2101) and one additional course

Minimum Required for AAS in Early Childhood Education – 60 Hours

III. ADDITIONAL TRANSFERABLE GENERAL EDUCATION (13 Hours)

To be completed at KCC or GOVSTATE

- IAI Mathematics Course (3)
- IAI Humanities or Fine Arts Course (3)
- IAI Life or Physical Science Course with a Lab (4)
- IAI Social and Behavioral Science Course (non-Psychology) (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 Transcript Evaluator
at <https://govst.transfer.degree/>

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www.kcc.edu/transfer

College of Education and Human Development
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