

Early Childhood Education – Director's Credential

The following is presented as an articulation agreement between Prairie State College (PSC) 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 PSC 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: (49-52 Hours)

Area A: Written Communication (9 hours)

- ENG 101 -- Composition I (3)
- ENG 102 -- Composition II (3)
- COMM 101 -- Principles of Communication (3)

Area B: Humanities and Fine Arts (9 hours)

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

*** Refer to the PSC AA/AS guidelines for a list of course choices.*

Area C: Mathematics for Elementary Teachers (8 hours)

- MATH 200 -- Math for Elementary Teaching I (4)
- MATH 206 -- Math for Elementary Teaching II (4)

Area D: Biological, Physical and Earth Science at least one science must have a lab (10 hours)

- IAI Life Science Course (3-4)
- IAI Physics or Chemistry Course (3-4)
- Earth Science Course: ASTRO 101 – Guide to the Universe (3) or ASTRO 104 – The Solar System and Beyond (4) or GEOLO 101 – Physical Geology (4) or PHYSC 112 Earth Science (4)

Area E: Social and Behavioral Sciences (12 hours)

- GEOG 101 -- Cultural Geography (3) *Meets non-western cultures requirement*
- POLSC 140 -- Introduction to US Government and Politics (3)
- HIST 201 -- US History: 1492-1877 (3) or HIST 202 -- US History: 1877-present (3)
- PSYCH 101 -- Introduction to Psychology (3)

Health Requirement (3 Hours)

- ECED 103 - Health, Safety and Nutrition (3) (Meets Health Requirement)

II. AREA OF CONCENTRATION/MAJOR FIELD (15 Hours)

Professional Education Core Courses (15 hours)

Grade of "B-" or better required for professional education courses below.

- ED 100 -- Foundations of American Public Education (3) (Meets EDUC 2310)
- ED 101 -- Child Growth and Development (3) (Meets EDUC 2330)
- ED 160 -- Technology for Teachers (3) (Meets EDCP 2101)
- ED 212 -- Exceptional Child (3) (Meets SPED 2100)
- ENG 220 - Children's Literature (3) (Meets ENGL-2131)

Required A.A. Degree Program Total: 62 Hours

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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)
- EDUC 3550 - Applying Educational Psychology (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 4899 - Practicum in Early Childhood Education (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 Credentials Non-Licensure: 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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