

Early Childhood Education – Director’s Credential

The following is presented as an articulation agreement between South Suburban College (SSC) 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 SSC 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)

Written Communication (9 hours)

- ENG 101 - Composition and Rhetoric (3)
- ENG 102 - Composition and Literature (3)
- SPE 108 - Oral Communications (3)

Humanities and Fine Arts (9 hours)

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

Mathematics for Elementary Teachers (8 hours)

- MTH 145 - Math Concepts and Structures I (4)
- MTH 146 - Math Concepts and Structures II (4)

Life Science, Physical Science and Earth Science with a one laboratory (10 hours)

- IAI Life Science Course (3-4)
- IAI Physical Science Course (Chemistry or Physics) (3-4)
- Earth Science - AST 101 - Introduction to Astronomy (4) or GLG 101 - Physical Geology (4)

Social and Behavioral Sciences (12 hours)

- GEO 104 - Geography of the Emerging World (3) (Meets non-western cultures requirement)
- PSC 101 - American National Government (3)
- PSY 101 - Introduction to Psychology (3)
- HIS 203 - Early American History (3) or HIS 204 - Later American History (3)

Health (3 Hours)

- CHD 108 – Child Health, Safety and Nutrition (3)

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

Professional Education Core Courses (15 hours)

Students must earn a grade of B- in the following courses:

- EDU 110 - Foundations of American Education (3) (Meets EDEC 3310)
- EDU 150 - Educational Technology (3) (Meets EDCP 2101)
- CHD 104 - Child Growth and Development (3) (Meets EDEC 3320)
- CHD 203 - The Exceptional Child (3) (Meets SPED 2100)
- SCENG 113 - Intro to Children’s Literature (3) (Meets ENGL-2131)

Minimum Hours for AA – 62 Hours

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

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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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