

**Early Childhood Education  
Master's Program – Initial Licensure  
Governors State University**

Program Schedule: fall start only

Note: Schedule, course offerings, days and times could change

**Degree:** Master of Arts in Early Childhood Education (initial licensure, PEL)

**Intended Audience:** Individuals with a bachelor's degree and no teaching licensure

**Total Hours of Coursework:** 39 (14 courses)

**Total semesters:** 5 (16-18 months)

**Total Hours of Prerequisites:** 15 (5 courses)

**Course Offering:** evenings (except FE); online (at a scheduled time), F2F

Course	Course Name	Credit Hours	Field Exp Hours	Field Experience Info	Day/Time or Term	Modality/ Location
<b>Prerequisite Coursework: 15 credit hours (5 courses) – taken as needed</b>						
ENGL 2131	Literature for Children & Adolescents	3			Fall, Spring,	F2F, Online
EDUC 2310	Foundations of Education	3	10	observation	Fall, Spring, Summer	F2F, Online
EDUC 2330	Educational Psychology I	3			Fall, Spring, Summer	F2F, Online
SPED 6101	Survey of Students w Exceptionalities	3	15	observation	Fall, Spring, Summer	F2F, Online
EDCP 6101	Intro to Educational Technology	3			Fall, Spring, Summer	Online
<b>Semester 1 (Fall 2023) - 15 weeks</b>						
EDEC 6099	Developmentally Appropriate Practice in ECE	4			Tuesday or Thursday 5:00-8:00pm	Online
EDEC 8810	Research & Issues in Education I	3			Tuesday or Thursday 5:00-8:00pm	Online
<b>Semester 2 (Spring 2024) - 15 weeks</b>						
EDEC 6550	Family, Community, & Culture	3			Tuesday or Wednesday 5:00-8:00pm	Online
EDEC 6551	Field Experience 1: Infants, Toddlers, Families	1	x	Inf /Tod: 2.5 hrs/day, 1 day/week for 15 wks	8:30-11:30am*	Supervisory, in the field
EDEC 6560	Curriculum, Literacy, & Exceptional Learners in Preprimary Grades	3			Tuesday or Wednesday 5:00-8:00pm	Online
EDEC 6561	Field Experience 2: Preprimary Grades	1	x	PreK or K: 2.5 hrs/day, 1 day/week for 15 wks	8:30-11:30am*	Supervisory, in the field
EDUC 7410	Classroom Management	1			Thursday 6:00-7:00pm	Online
<b>Semester 3, (Summer 2024 – Session I) – 7.5 weeks, starting mid-May</b>						
EDUC 7440	Educational Psychology II: Learning, Assessment, & Management	3	15	observation, PreK-2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	Tuesday & Thursday 5:00-8:00pm	Online
<b>Semester 3, (Summer 2024 – Session II) – 7.5 weeks, starting end of June</b>						
EDEC 7570	Assessment and Differentiated Instruction in ECE	3			Tuesday & Thursday 5:00-8:00pm	Online
<b>Semester 3 (Fall 2024) - 15 weeks</b>						
EDEC 6570	Literacy in ECE	3			Tuesday 5:00-8:00pm	Online
EDEC 6571	Field Experience 3: Literacy in Primary Grades	1	x	1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> : full school day, 1 day/week for 15 wks	8:00am-4:00pm* FE3&4, same day	Supervisory, in the field
EDEC 6580	Math, Science, Social Studies in ECE	3			Thursday 5:00-8:00pm	Online
EDEC 6581	Field Experience 4: Math, Science, Social Studies in Primary Grades	1	x	1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> : full school day, 1 day/week for 15 wks	8:00am-4:00pm* FE3&4, same day	Supervisory, in the field
<b>Semester 5, (Summer 2025) - 15 weeks</b>						
EDEC 8999	Student Teaching in Early Childhood Education	9		8 hrs/day, 5 days/ week for 15 weeks	Monday - Friday 8:00am-4:00pm	Supervisory, with seminars

\*Clinical Field Experiences: occur Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday depending on instructor and placement; some opportunities for job-embedded placements. Class during week 1 of the semester will occur on a different day in the evening (information provided during registration).

-Note: this is a suggested schedule. Courses may need to be taken in different semesters depending on each individual candidate. Courses are only offered in designated semesters (i.e. not offered every semester). Schedule, course offerings, days and times could change.