

# Early Childhood Education

## Bachelor's Program: Option 2 – Non-Licensure / Director Credential

### Governors State University

#### Program Overview

**Degree:** Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education

**Certifications Earned:**

- Illinois Gateways Credentials:
  - Early Childhood (ECE) level 5
  - Infant Toddler (ITC) level 3
  - Director (IDC) level 2

**Candidates:** Candidates who do not have a Bachelor's degree and seek an Illinois Gateways Director Credential (and do *not* seek initial licensure)

**Coursework**

**Introductory (4 courses, 12 hours)**

- EDUC2310: Foundations of Education (3)
- EDUC2330: Educational Psychology I - Child Growth and Development (3)
- SPED2101: Survey of Students with Exceptionalities (3)
- EDCP2101: Introduction to Educational Technology (3)
- ENGL2131: Literature of Children and Adolescents (3) *\*part of GenEds*

Field Experience Hours: 25

**Professional (14 courses, 42 credit hours)**

- EDUC3410: Classroom Management (1)
- EDUC3440: Educational Psychology II – Learning, Assessment, and Classroom Management (3)
- EDEC3099: Developmentally Appropriate Practices in Early Childhood Education (4)
- EDEC3570: Assessment & Differentiated Instruction in Early Childhood (3)
- EDEC3590: STEAM in Education (3)
- EDEC4550: Family, Community, and Culture (3)
- EDEC4551: Field Experience 1-Infants, Toddlers, and Families (1)
- EDEC4560: Curriculum, Literacy, & Exceptional Learners in Preprimary Grades (3)
- EDEC4561: Field Experience 2: Preprimary (1)
- EDEC4570: Literacy in Early Childhood Education (3)
- EDEC4571: Field Experience 3: Literacy in Primary Grades (1)
- EDEC4580: Math, Science, and Social Studies in Early Childhood Education (3)
- EDEC4581: Field Experience 4: Math, Science, and Social Studies in Primary Grades (1)
- EDEC4820: Leadership and Management in Early Childhood Education (3)
- EDEC4899: Practicum in Early Childhood Education (9)

Field Experience Hours: at least 155 + practicum

**Teaching Specialization - ESL Certificate (18 hours)**

- BBED4501 Teaching English as a Second Language (3)
- BBED4520 Foundations of Bilingual and ESL Education (3)
- BBED4525 Assessment of Language of Minority Students (3)
- BBED4530 Methods and Materials for Teaching in Bilingual Programs (3)
- BBED4538 Cross Cultural Education (3)
- BBED4977 Reading Strategies in the Bilingual and ESL Classroom (3)

Field Experience Hours: 100

**Total Program Hours: 72**

**Total semesters:** 5-6 (about 2 years)

**Course Offerings:**

**Time:** Mostly daytime, some evenings

**Modality:** Mostly face-to-face, some online (depends on the course)

**Gen Eds: (49-52 hours)**

- Math: 6 hours
- Science: 10 hours (3 life, 3 earth, 3 physical, 1 lab)
- Written communication: 6 hours
- Oral communication/speech: 3 hours
- Health: 3 hours
- World Geography: 3 hours
- Psychology: 3 hours
- American Government: 3 hours
- U.S. History: 3 hours
- Humanities: 3 hours
- Humanities - ENGL 2131, Children's Literature): 3 hours
- Fine Arts: 3 hours
- -Non-Western Humanities or Third World Culture: 3 hours (only if art does not count)

*Note: equivalent courses can be transferred*

**Total Degree Hours: 121**