

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

Program Overview

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

**Certifications earned:**

- Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL)
  - Early Childhood Endorsement, Birth to Grade 2
  - Early Childhood Special Education Approval Endorsement, Birth to Grade 2
- Illinois Gateways Credentials:
  - Early Childhood (ECE), level 6
  - Infant Toddler (ITC), level 3

**Intended Audience:** Candidates with a Bachelor's Degree who do not have a teaching license and are seeking licensure - Professional Educator License (PEL), Birth to Grade 2

**Professional Education Coursework (15 courses)**

1. EDEC6099: Developmentally Appropriate Practices in Early Childhood Education (4)
2. EDEC6550: Family, Community, and Culture (3)
3. EDEC6551: Field Experience 1-Infants, Toddlers, and Families (1)
4. EDEC6560: Curriculum, Literacy, & Exceptional Learners in Preprimary Grades (3)
5. EDEC6561: Field Experience 2: Preprimary Grades (1)
6. EDEC6570: Literacy in Early Childhood Education (3)
7. EDEC6571: Field Experience 3: Literacy in Primary Grades (1)
8. EDEC6580: Math, Science, and Social Studies in Early Childhood Education (3)
9. EDEC6581: Field Experience 4: Math, Science, and Social Studies in Primary Grades (1)
10. EDUC7410: Classroom Management (1)
11. EDUC7440: Educational Psychology II: Learning, Assessment, and Classroom Management (3)
12. EDEC7570: Assessment & Differentiated Instruction in Early Childhood (3)
13. EDEC8810: Research and Issues in Education I (3)
14. EDEC8811: Research and Issues in Education II (1)
15. EDEC8999: Student Teaching in Early Childhood Education (9)

**Total Hours:** 40

**Total Semesters:** 5 (2 years)

**Course Offerings:**

**Time:** evenings

**Modality:** online synchronous (at a scheduled class time)

**Prerequisite Coursework (5 courses, 15 hours)**

- EDUC2310: Foundations of Education (3)
- EDUC2330: Educational Psychology I - Child Growth and Development (3)
- SPED6101: Survey of Students with Exceptionalities (3)
- EDCP6101: Introduction to Educational Technology (3)
- ENGL2131/6080: Literature of Children and Adolescents (3)

*\*Equivalent courses can be transferred.*