

**Early Childhood Education**  
**Post-BAC: EC SPED Approval Certificate**  
*Governors State University*

Program Overview

**Advanced Certificate:** Early Childhood Special Education Approval, Birth to Grade 2 (*post-BAC, no degree*)

**Level:** Graduate

**Certifications Earned:**

- Early Childhood Special Education Approval, Birth to Grade 2

**Intended Audience:** Candidates with Professional Educator License (PEL) seeking subsequent endorsements

**Admissions Criteria:**

- Bachelor’s Degree
- Cumulative GPA of 2.75
- Valid teaching license (Professional Educator License – PEL) and an Endorsement in Early Childhood Education (*Note: candidates cannot earn a the EC SPED approval on their PEL if they do not already have an Early Childhood Endorsement*)

**Program Coursework**

1. EDEC6550: Family, Community, and Culture (3)
2. EDEC6560: Curriculum, Literacy, & Exceptional Learners in Preprimary Grades (3)
3. EDEC6570: Literacy in Early Childhood Education (3)
4. EDEC7570: Assessment & Differentiated Instruction in Early Childhood (3)
5. EDEC8810: Research and Issues in Education I (3)
6. SPED6101 Survey of Students with Exceptionalities (3)

**Total hours:** 18

**Course Offerings:**

**Time:** evenings

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

**Course Offerings and Plan**

<b>Fall only courses (15 weeks)</b>			
EDEC 6550	Family, Community, and Culture	3	
EDEC 6570	Literacy in Early Childhood	3	
<b>Spring only courses (15 weeks)</b>			
EDEC 6560	Pre-primary Curriculum, Literacy & Exceptional Learners	3	
EDEC 8810	Research and Issues in Education I	3	
<b>Summer only courses - Summer II, July 5-August 18 (7.5 weeks)</b>			
EDEC 7570	Assessment and Differentiated Instruction in EC	3	
<b>Fall/Spring courses (15 weeks)</b>			
SPED 6101	Survey of Students with Exceptionalities	3	Field Experience Hours: 15

<b>Total</b>		<b>18</b>	
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