

## 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)

**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**

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