

Early Childhood Education

The following is presented as an articulation agreement between Joliet Junior College (JJC) and Governors State University (GovState) for the Early Childhood Education degree program based on the current catalogs of both schools. The student would complete an Associate of Arts (AA) from JJC and a Bachelors of Arts (BA) degree in Early Childhood Education from GovState. **The Early Childhood Education program has special admissions requirements; please review the GovState catalog for more information.**

I. TRANSFERABLE GENERAL EDUCATION CORE CURRICULUM: (46-48 Hours)

Area A: Communications (9 hours)

- ENG 101 - Rhetoric (3)
- ENG 102 - Rhetoric (3)
- SPCH 101 - Principles of Speech (3)

Area B: Humanities and Fine Arts (9 hours)

- Fine Arts Course (3)*
- Humanities Course (3)*
- Literature Course (3)*

Area C: Mathematics (7 hours)

- MATH 123 - Math Structures/Concepts I for Elementary School Teachers (4)
- MATH 124 - Math Structures/Concepts II for Elementary School Teachers (3)

Area D: Biological and Physical Science (12-14 hours)

- Choose one:** BIO 104 - Biological Diversity (5) or BIO 151 - General Biology I (5)
- Choose one:** CHEM 100 - Fundamentals of Chemistry (5) or CHEM 101 – General Chemistry I (5) or PHYS 100 - Basic Physics (4) or PHYS 101 - General Physics I (5)
- Choose one:** ASTR - 101 Descriptive Astronomy (3) or GEOL - 101 Principles of Physical Geology (3) or GEOG 111 - Physical Geography - Weather and Climate (4)

Social and Behavioral Sciences (9 hours)

- GEOG 102/106 - World Regional or Cultural Geography (3) (Meets Non-Western Cultures Req't)
- PSCI 101 - American National Government (3)
- PSYC 101 - General Psychology (3)

**Refer to the JJC AA/AS guidelines for a list of course choices in Section I.*

II. AREA OF CONCENTRATION/MAJOR FIELD (17-18 Hours)

Professional Education Core Courses (12 hours)

All professional education courses are required to be completed with a grade of B or better.

- CDEV 101 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education (3) (Meets EDEC 3310)
- CDEV 208 - Child Growth and Development (3) (Meets EDEC 3320) **OR**
- PSYC 209 - Child Development (3) (Meets EDEC 3320)
- EDUC 230 - Classroom Tools and Resources (3) (Meets EDCEP 2101)
- EDUC 240 - The Exceptional Child (3) (Meets SPED 2100)

Other Transferrable Required Courses (5-6 hours)

- Choose one:** CDEV 201 – Health, Safety and Nutrition for Young Children (3) or HEAL 109 – Principles of Normal Nutrition (2)
- Choose one:** HIST 103- History of the United States to 1865 (3) or HIST 104 –History of the United States 1865 to Present (3)

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III. **ACADEMIC ECE SELECTIVES (10-19 Hours)**

Please see advisor to select courses that meet your career objectives. All selective courses must be approved.

IV. **TO BE COMPLETED AT GOVSTATE (62-65 Hours)**

(To be completed for both Track I and II)

- EDEC 3099 - Developmentally Appropriate Practices in ECE (4)
- EDEC 3440 - Ed Psychology II: Learning, Assessment & Classroom Management (3)
- EDEC 3570 - Assessment and Differentiated Instruction In Early Childhood (3)
- EDEC 3580 - Linguistics and Language Development (3)
- EDEC 3590 - STEAM In Education (3)
- EDEC 4550 - Family, Community, and Culture (3)
- EDEC 4551 - Field Experience I, Infant, Toddler, and Family (1)
- EDEC 4560 - Curriculum, Literacy, & Exceptional Learners in Preprimary Grades (3)
- EDEC 4561 - Field Experience 2, Preprimary (1)
- EDEC 4570 - Literacy in Early Childhood Education (3)
- EDEC 4571 - Field Experience 3, Literacy in Primary (1)
- EDEC 4580 - Mathematics, Science, Social Studies in Early Childhood Education (3)
- EDEC 4581 - Field Experience 4, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies (1)
- BBED 4501 - Teaching English as a Second Language (3)
- BBED 4520 - Foundations of Bilingual and ESL Education (3)
- BBED 4525 - Assessment of Language Minority Students (3)
- BBED 4530 - Methods and Materials for Teaching in Bilingual Programs (3)
- BBED 4538 - Cross-cultural Education (3)
- BBED 4977 - Reading Strategies in the Bilingual and ESL Classroom (3)

Track Option I Only (12 hours)

- EDEC 4999 - Student Teaching in Early Childhood Education (12)

Track Option II Only (9-15 hours)

- EDEC 4470 - Guidance of Young Children (3)
- EDEC 4820 - Leadership & Management in ECE (3)
- EDEC 4899 - Practicum in ECE (3-9)

Minimum Required for BA in Early Childhood Education: 120 Hours

For Additional Information:
Governors State University
Jaguar Transfer Evaluator at
<https://govst.transfer.degree/>

Joliet Junior College
Career and Transfer Center
(815) 280-2449

Visit the College of Education and Human
Development at www.govst.edu/ce

Visit Joliet Junior College at www.jjc.edu

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