

Early Childhood Education

The following is presented as an articulation agreement between Prairie State College (PSC) and Governors State University (GSU) 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 PSC and a Bachelors of Arts (BA) degree in Early Childhood Education from GSU. **The Early Childhood Education program has special admissions requirements; please review the catalog for more information.**

I. TRANSFERABLE GENERAL EDUCATION CORE CURRICULUM: (45-47 Hours)

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

Area A: Written Communication (9 hours)

- ENG 101 - Composition I (3)
- ENG 102 - Composition II (3)
- COMM 101 – Principles of Communication (3)

Area B: Humanities and Fine Arts (9 hours)

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

Area C: Mathematics for Elementary Teachers (8 hours)

- MATH 200 – Math for Elementary Teaching I (4)
- MATH 206 – Math for Elementary Teaching II (4)

Area D: Biological and Physical Science (10-12 hours) one science must have a lab

Choose one: BIOL 100 - General Education Biology (4) or BIOL 103 – Plants and Society (3) or BIOL 105 – Environmental Biology (3) or BIOL 106 – Heredity and Society (4) or BIOL 107 – Microbes and Society (3) or BIOL 111 – Cellular and Molecular Biology (4) or BIOL 112 - Organismal Biology (4)

Choose one: CHEM 105 – Survey of General Chemistry (4) or CHEM 110 – General Chemistry I (5) or PHYSI 101- Concepts of Physics (4) or PHYSI 105 – Physics and Society (3) or PHYSI 120 College Physics I (4) or PHYSI 210 – University Physics (4)

Choose one: ASTRO 101 – Guide to the Universe (3) or ASTRO 104 – The Solar System and Beyond (4) or GEOLO 101 – Physical Geology (4) or METEO 150 – Introduction to Meteorology (3) or PHYSC 111 Physical Science (4) or PHYSC 112 Earth Science (4)

Area E: Social and Behavioral Sciences (9 hours)

- GEOG 101 - Cultural Geography (3) *Meets non-western cultures requirement*
- POLSC 140 - Introduction to US Government and Politics (3)
- PSYCH 101 - Introduction to Psychology (3)

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

Professional Education Core Courses (12 hours)

- ED 101 - Child Growth & Development (3) (Meets EDEC 2220)
- ED 160 - Technology for Teachers (3) (Meets EDCP 2101)
- ED 212 - Exceptional Child (3) (Meets SPED 2100)
- ECED 104 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education (3) (Meets EDEC 2310)

Other Transferrable Courses (5-6 hours)

Choose one: ECED 103 – Health, Safety and Nutrition (3) (preferred) or HLTH 101 – Health and Human Development (2)

Choose one: HIST 201 – US History: 1492-1877 (3) or HIST 202 – US History: 1877-present (3)

III. ACADEMIC ECE SELECTIVES (8-17 Hours)

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

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

Professional Education Courses (50 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: 121 Hours

For Additional Information:

Governors State University

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