

Early Childhood Education A.A.S.

Degree Code: ECE-2110

Minimum GPA: 2.0

Minimum Hours: 68

Name: _____ ID: _____ Date: _____

Early childhood educators encourage the development of young children, ages birth through eight years, with guided experiences and environments. This 2-year program leads to an Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree. The curriculum provides students with the background in child development and general studies necessary for a career in paraprofessional/teacher assistant in Pre-K and school-age programs. The student should consult with the Regional Office of Education (ROE) and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) for the most current requirements. The curriculum also provides students with the background necessary for a career as a teacher in Head Start.

3	BIO 211	Ecology
3	ECE 101	Intro to Early Childhood Education
3	ECE 114	Child Growth and Development
3	ECE 127	Child, Family, and Community
3	ECE 128	Child Guidance/Discipline
3	ECE 129	Assessment in Early Childhood Education
2	ECE 199	Early Childhood Education Internship
3	ECE 215	Language Arts for the Young Child
3	ECE 216	Art/Music Activities
3	ECE 217	Science/Math Activities
3	ECE 218	Health, Nutrition & Safety
3	ECE 219	Infants/Toddlers-Curriculum/Teaching
3	ECE 221	Child Care Center Administration
3	ECE 222	Children's Literature
3	EDU 110	Introduction to Education
3	EDU 213	Education of Exceptional Children
3	ENG 111	English Composition I
3	ENG 112	English Composition II
1	INT 111	Career Development
4	MAT 110 or MAT 112	General Education Mathematics or Math for Elementary Teachers II
3	PSY 211	Introduction to Psychology
1	SEM 111	College Success
3	SOC 217	Marriage and Family
3	SPC 210	Interpersonal Communication

Note: It is strongly recommended that the coursework be taken in the order listed above to help ensure the success of the student. Completion of the two-year degree qualifies the student to be eligible to apply for Illinois Director Credential Level I status. Additional coursework – ECE 299 Director Practicum – is required if the application is approved. Application may be made through the Early Childhood Education Department or INCCRRA (Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies).

Possible Career Opportunities

Teacher, Preschool Teacher, Pre-Kindergarten Teacher (Pre-K Teacher), Lead Teacher, Toddler Teacher, Teacher Assistant, Group Teacher, Early Childhood Teacher, Head Start Teacher

O*NET Links: www.onetonline.org

SOC Codes: 25-2011.00