

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Associate in Applied Science A.A.S.: Option 1: Early Childhood Education Degree - Director

The 60 credit-hour curriculum is designed to provide students with the requisite skills and theoretical knowledge to work in a variety of facilities for young children as a director for half-day and full-day early childhood centers.

Upon completion of courses for the specialized area of director, demonstration of proof of First Aid/CPR certification and verification of 1200 hours of management experience, students need to complete an IL Gateways application to qualify for the Illinois Director Credential Level 1.

This sequenced degree plan is one of three options that students may pursue to earn the Early Childhood Education Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree. While there are multiple specializations, **this particular degree can be awarded only once.**

F = Fall only course S = Spring only course U = Summer only course

FIRST SEMESTER:

Number	Course Title	Credits	Course Category
ECE 101	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3	Program Requirement
ECE 102	Child Development	3	Program Requirement
ECE 115	Principles of Early Childhood Curriculum	3	Program Requirement
ENG 101	Composition	3	Communications
	Mathematics ¹	3	Mathematics

SECOND SEMESTER:

Number	Course Title	Credits	Course Category
ECE 226	Assessment and Guidance	3	Program Requirement
ECE 250	Health, Nutrition and Safety	3	Program Requirement
ECE 252	Child-Family-Community	3	Program Requirement
ENG 103	Technical and Report Writing or		
SPE 101	Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3	Communications
MGT 205	Leadership	3	Program Requirement

THIRD SEMESTER:

Number	Course Title	Credits	Course Category
ECE 253	Administration of Early Childhood Programs (F)	3	Program Requirement
EDU 219	Students With Disabilities in School	3	Program Requirement
EDU 250	Introduction to Technology in Education	3	Program Requirement
	Natural Science ²	3	Natural Science
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	3	Social and Behavioral Science

FOURTH SEMESTER:

Number	Course Title	Credits	Course Category
ECE 254	Interpersonal Relationships in Early Child Education (S)	1	Program Requirement
ECE 293	Early Childhood Director Practicum (S)	3	Program Requirement
	ECE elective ³	3	Program Requirement
FSM 114	Food Standards and Sanitation	2	Program Requirement
	Humanities ⁺	3	Humanities
MKT 245	Principles of Marketing	3	Program Requirement

¹ Students must take at least 3 credit hours in a mathematics course, MTH 065 or higher.

² Natural Science elective: BIO 101, BIO 103 or BIO 105.

³ ECE elective: Any ECE course.

⁺ Humanities elective: HST 210, HUM 110 or MUS 104. All courses meet the World Cultures and Diversity graduation requirement.