

ADVANCED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CERTIFICATE

30 Semester Credit Hours; Curriculum: 0069

Code	Title	Hours
Courses for a Certificate		
ECE 102	Child Growth and Development	3
ECE 104	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
ECE 107	Observation and Assessment of the Young Child	3
ECE 108	Nutrition, Health and Safety for the Young Child	3
ECE 180	The Exceptional Child	3
ECE 255	Curriculum Design for Early Childhood Programs	3
ECE 270	Child, Family, and Community Relations	3
EGL 101	Composition I	3
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
Select one course from the following:		3-4
MAT 125	General Education Mathematics (recommended)	
MAT 129	Foundations of Mathematics for Elementary Teachers II	
MAT 131	Elementary Statistics (recommended)	
Total Hours		30

Completion of this certificate can lead to obtaining the Illinois Gateways to Opportunity Early Care and Education Credential Level 3. Contact the Early Childhood Education chair for details.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate an expanded knowledge base in all developmental areas of childhood and early childhood curriculum.
2. Plan and execute developmentally appropriate, culturally responsive activities for young children birth through 8 years, in the areas of art, music, movement, drama, math, science, social studies, and language arts.
3. Explain the basic principles of developmentally appropriate practice in teaching, planning, observation, and assessment.
4. Students who successfully complete the Advanced Early Childhood Certificate and document all required observation hours and practical experience, will be eligible to apply for the IL Early Care and Education Credential, Level 3.

Advanced Early Childhood Education Certificate Pathway

The following Pathway is recommended for students pursuing the Advanced Early Childhood Education Certificate.

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall Semester		
ECE 102	Child Growth and Development	3
ECE 104	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
ECE 108	Nutrition, Health and Safety for the Young Child	3
EGL 101	Composition I	3

MAT 125 or MAT 131	General Education Mathematics or Elementary Statistics	4
Hours		16
Spring Semester		
ECE 107	Observation and Assessment of the Young Child	3
ECE 180	The Exceptional Child	3
ECE 270	Child, Family, and Community Relations	3
ECE 255	Curriculum Design for Early Childhood Programs	3
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
Hours		15
Total Hours		31

Note: Pathway is a recommended sequence of courses. Part-time students should contact the department chair to discuss a part-time pathway as well as course prerequisites and recommendations.