

BASIC EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CERTIFICATE

ECE 270	Child, Family, and Community Relations	3
Hours		9
Total Hours		18

18 Semester Credit Hours; Curriculum: 0068

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
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Completion of this certificate can lead to obtaining the Illinois Gateways to Opportunity Early Care and Education Credential Level 2. Contact the Early Childhood Education chair for details.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate fundamental knowledge of all developmental areas in childhood, from birth through 8 years, including cognitive, physical, language, social, and emotional development from both a neurotypical and special needs perspective.
2. Articulate orally and in writing developmental theory and Early Childhood Education curriculum.
3. Explain the main forms of early care and education that make up the Early Childhood Education profession.
4. Explain the basic principles of developmentally appropriate practice in teaching, planning, observation, and assessment.
5. Plan for healthy and safe environments which set the stage for development and learning.
6. Articulate orally and in writing the professional role of the teaching team and director and how they relate to families and the community served by Early Childhood Education programs.
7. Students who successfully complete the Basic Early Childhood Education Certificate, and document all required observation hours and practical experiences, will be eligible to apply for the Illinois Gateways to Opportunity Early Care and Education Credential, Level 2.

Basic Early Childhood Education Certificate Pathway

The following Pathway is recommended for students pursuing the Basic 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
Hours		9
Spring Semester		
ECE 107	Observation and Assessment of the Young Child	3
ECE 180	The Exceptional Child	3

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