

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE
AAS DEGREE

The **Early Childhood Education and Care program** prepares students to enter the early childhood education and early childhood field. Students acquire the skills, knowledge and attitudes to work with infants, toddlers, preschool-age and school-age children. Jobs for degree and certificate graduates are widely available in child care centers, preschools, park districts and public schools. This degree program requires a minimum of 64 credits in program requirements, program electives, and general education in the courses listed below.

Field of Study Code: ECEC.AAS

Program Requirements..... 34

Ecec 1100	Introduction to the Early Childhood Profession.....	3
Ecec 1101	Growth & Development of the Young Child ..	3
Ecec 1102	Child Guidance Practices.....	3
Ecec 1130	Methods: Discovery and the Physical World..	3
Ecec 1140	Methods: Self-Expression and the Social World.....	3
Ecec 1151	Language & Literacy Development Young Child	3
Ecec 2211	Child Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
Ecec 2220	Early Childhood Education Practicum	4
Ecec 2251	Curriculum Planning for the Young Child	3
Ecec 2252	Child/Family/Community Relations and Resources	3
Ecec 2260	Early Childhood Professional.....	3

Program Electives 4

Select four credits in Early Childhood Education and Care courses. (In addition to the courses listed above.)

Electives 5 to 6

Select from any 1000- or 2000-level courses. (In addition to the courses listed above.)

General Education 21

(In addition to the courses listed above.)

Total Credits Required..... 64 to 65
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The **Early Childhood Administration degree** prepares students for employment in the management of early childhood and school-age programs. Students acquire the skills and knowledge to administrate programs serving infants, toddlers, preschool, and school-age children. This program includes the 20 credit hour Administration of an Early Childhood Center certificate and upon successful completion of this degree, students are eligible to apply for the Illinois Director's Credential. This degree program requires a minimum of 64 credits in program requirements, program electives, and general education in the courses listed below.

Field of Study Code: ECEC.AAS.ADMIN

Program Requirements..... 40

Ecec 1100	Introduction to the Early Childhood Profession	3
Ecec 1101	Growth & Development of the Young Child ..	3
Ecec 1102	Child Guidance Practices.....	3
Ecec 1130	Methods: Discovery and the Physical World .	3
Ecec 1140	Methods: Self-Expression and the Social World	3
Ecec 1163	Practicum: At-Risk Early Childhood Programs.....	1
Ecec 2210	The Young Child with Special Needs.....	2
Ecec 2211	Child Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
Ecec 2221	Early Childhood Administration Practicum	4
Ecec 2251	Curriculum Planning for the Young Child	3
Ecec 2254	Administration of an Early Childhood Center-Program Operations	3
Ecec 2255	Administration of an Early Childhood Center-Practices and Procedures.....	3
Ecec 2256	Administration of an Early Childhood Center-Staff, Families, and Children	3
Ecec 2260	Early Childhood Professional	3

Program Electives 3

Select three credits in Early Childhood Education and Care courses. (In addition to the courses listed above.)

General Education 21 to 22

(In addition to the courses listed above.)

Total Credits Required..... 64 to 65

CERTIFICATE

Completion of the **Early Childhood Education and Care Administrator certificate**, with either an AAS Degree in Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) or completion of 64 semester hours of credit from an accredited college or university. The certificate requires 23 credits in early childhood education to meet the academic requirements for Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (IDCFS) Director Qualifications effective July 1, 2017. This certificate requires 23 credits in the courses listed below.

Field of Study Code: ECEC.CER.ADMIN

Total Credits Required 23

Ecec 1100	Introduction to the Early Childhood Profession.....	3
Ecec 1101	Growth & Development of the Young Child ..	3
Ecec 2210	The Young Child with Special Needs	2
Ecec 2211	Child Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
Ecec 2251	Curriculum Planning for the Young Child	3
Ecec 2254	Administration of an Early Childhood Center – Program Operations.....	3
Ecec 2255	Administration of an Early Childhood Center – Practices & Procedures	3
Ecec 2256	Administration of an Early Childhood Center – Staff, Families & Children	3

CERTIFICATE

Students pursuing the **Early Childhood Advanced Assistant Teacher certificate** will enhance the knowledge, skills, and experiences acquired in the Early Childhood Education and Care Assistant Teacher Certificate to more effectively work with children from birth to age eight. This certificate meets the early childhood academic course requirements for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (IDCFS) to be an assistant teacher. Within this certificate, students will complete the required coursework to be eligible to apply for the Gateways Early Childhood Education Credential Level 3 through Gateways to Opportunity. This certificate requires a minimum of 33 credits in the courses listed below.

Field of Study Code: ECEC.CER.ADVAT

Total Credits Required 33 to 34

Ecec 1100	Introduction to the Early Childhood Profession.....	3
Ecec 1101	Growth & Development of the Young Child ..	3
Ecec 1102	Child Guidance Practices	3
Ecec 1130	Methods: Discovery and the Physical World..	3
Ecec 1140	Methods: Self-Expression and the Social World.....	3
Ecec 2211	Child Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
Ecec 2251	Curriculum Planning for the Young Child	3
Ecec 2252	Child/Family/Community Relations and Resources	3
Ecec 2208	Foundational Mathematics for the Young Child	3

	OR	
Math 1100	Business Mathematics	3
	OR	
Math 1218	General Education Mathematics	3
	OR	
Math 1321	Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers I.....	4
Engli 1101	English Composition 1.....	3
Psych 1100	General Psychology.....	3
	OR	
Socio 1100	Introduction to Sociology.....	3

CERTIFICATE

Students who complete the **Early Childhood Assistant Teacher certificate** will be equipped with the knowledge, skills and experience necessary to be an assistant teacher in a variety of early childhood programs. Successful completion of this certificate meets the academic requirements of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (IDCFS). Upon completion students will be eligible to apply for the Gateways Early Childhood Education Credential Level 2 through Gateways to Opportunity. This certificate requires 18 credits in the courses listed below.

Field of Study Code: ECEC.CER.ASST

Total Credits Required 18

Ecec 1100	Introduction to the Early Childhood Profession	3
Ecec 1101	Growth & Development of the Young Child ..	3
Ecec 1102	Child Guidance Practices.....	3
Ecec 2211	Child Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
Ecec 2251	Curriculum Planning for the Young Child	3
Ecec 2252	Child/Family/Community Relations and Resources.....	3

CERTIFICATE

Students choose the **Family Child Care Provider certificate** to gain specific knowledge and skills in this early childhood specialty. Students may have previously received an early childhood certificate or degree or may choose this certificate to begin their early childhood education. This certificate requires 15 credits in the courses listed below.

Field of Study Code: ECEC.CER.FAMCC

Total Credits Required 15

Ecec 1101	Growth & Development of the Young Child ..	3
Ecec 1120	Family Child Care Management.....	2
Ecec 1121	Family Child Care Curriculum and Guidance..	2
Ecec 2211	Child Health, Safety and Nutrition	3

Program Electives 5

Select five credits in Early Childhood Education and Care courses. (In addition to the courses listed above.)

CERTIFICATE

Students choose the **Multicultural Education and Care for the Young Child certificate** to gain specific knowledge and skills working with diverse populations of children. Students will have previously received early childhood credits or may choose this certificate to begin their Early Childhood Education and Care studies. This certificate requires 14 credits in the courses listed below.

Field of Study Code: ECEC.CER.MULTI

Total Credits Required	14
Ecec 1101 Growth & Development of the Young Child ..	3
Ecec 1102 Child Guidance Practices	3
Ecec 1161 Multicultural Curriculum for the Young Child	2
Ecec 1162 Multicultural Perspectives in Child Development and Education.....	2
Ecec 1163 Practicum: At-Risk Early Childhood Programs	1
Ecec 2252 Child/Family/Community Relations and Resources	3

CERTIFICATE

Students choose the **School-Age Child Care certificate** to gain specific knowledge and skills in this early childhood specialty. Students may have previously received an early childhood certificate or degree or may choose this certificate to begin their early childhood education. This certificate requires 16 credits in the courses listed below.

Field of Study Code: ECEC.CER.SCHCC

Total Credits Required	12
Ecec 2211 Child Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
Ecec 2226 Development of the School-Age Child	2
Ecec 2227 Guidance of the School-Age Child	2
Ecec 2228 Activities for School-Age Children	2
Ecec 2252 Child/Family/Community Relations and Resources	3

Program Electives

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Select four credits in Early Childhood Education and Care courses. (In addition to the courses listed above.)

CERTIFICATE

Students choose the **Infant, Toddler and Two-Year Old Child Care certificate** to gain specific knowledge and skills in this early childhood specialty. Students may have previously received an early childhood certificate or degree or may choose this certificate to begin their early childhood education. This certificate requires 12 credits in the courses listed below.

Field of Study Code: ECEC.CER.TODD

Total Credits Required	12
Ecec 1101 Growth & Development of the Young Child ..	3
Ecec 1116 Care of the Infant, Toddler and Two-Year Old Child I.....	3
Ecec 1117 Care of the Infant, Toddler and Two-Year Old Child II.....	3
Ecec 2211 Child Health, Safety and Nutrition	3