### Catalog Description

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, electives and general education in the courses listed below.

### Program Requirements ................................................................. 34

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### Program Electives .............................................................................. 4

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

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

### General Education .............................................................................. 21

For the Early Childhood Education and Care degree, students are required to take a minimum of 21 credits in General education

Under the specified General Education headings below, the following courses are required:

**Communication:** 6 credits
- **Written:** (3 credits) English 1101 or 1105
- **Oral:** (3 credits) Speech 1100, 1120 or 1150

### Suggested Course Sequence (Full Time Enrollment)

**Please note:** A student’s readiness to perform college-level coursework is based on the student’s placement test and/or ACT scores. Below 1000 level coursework may be required prior to the student taking courses in the suggested sequences.

**First Semester (15 to 17 credits)**
- Engli 1101 (3)
- Mathematics (3 to 5)
- Ecec 1100 (3)
- Ecec 1101 (3)
- Ecec 2211 (3)

**Second Semester (15 to 17 credits)**
- Specc 1100 or 1120 or 1150 (3)
- Physical and Life Sciences (3 to 5)
- Ecec 1102 (3)
- Ecec 2251 (3)
- Ecec 2252 (3)

**Summer Term (4 to 6 credits)**
- Program Elective (2 to 3)
- Global/Multicultural studies (2 to 3)

**Third Semester (15 credits)**
- Social and Behavioral Science (3)
- Humanities and Fine Arts (3)
- Ecec 1130 (3)
- Ecec 1140 (3)
- Ecec 2260 (3)

**Fourth Semester (15 credits)**
- Ecec 1151 (3)
- Ecec 2220 (4)
- Program Elective (2)
- Elective (6)

For more information:
If you are considering this program as an area of study, please contact the Social and Behavioral Sciences Division office at 630-942-2010.

**Physical and Life Sciences:** 3 to 5 credits
At least one course with a laboratory component.
Mathematics: 3 to 5 credits
Select a minimum of 3 credits (1000 level or above).
Select Mathematics 1102, 1104 or 1120 only where required in the degree program. Only one from the following three courses may count toward overall degree requirement credit: Mathematics 1635, Psychology 2280 or Sociology 2205. Only one of the following courses may count toward overall degree credit: Mathematics 1428 or Mathematics 1431.

Humanities and Fine Arts: 3 credits

Social and Behavioral Sciences: 3 credits

Complete at least 2 credits from the list of courses in the Global/Multicultural Studies or Contemporary Life Skills Category

TOTAL CREDITS FOR AAS DEGREE
64 to 65

Program web site: http://www.cod.edu/programs/ecec/
Career Information ECEC.AAS

Job Title(s): Pre-School Teachers, Except Special Education
Teacher, Preschool Teacher, Pre-Kindergarten Teacher (Pre-K Teacher), Lead Teacher, Toddler Teacher, Teacher Assistant, Group Teacher, Early Childhood Teacher, Head Start Teacher

For salary and wage information, please visit: www.onetonline.org

If you would like information regarding internships, resume development, interviewing and job search skills, please contact the Career Services Center

Phone: 630-942-2230
www.cod.edu/careerservices Twitter: @codcareercenter

Related Occupations:
Kindergarten Teacher, Except Special Ed. Childcare Workers
Self-Enrichment Education Teachers Nannies
Teacher Assistants Social & Human Service Assistants
Early Childhood Administration | Associate in Applied Science
Field of Study Code: ECEC.AAS.ADMIN

Catalog Description

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 administer 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.

Program Requirements ..............................................40
Ecec 1100  Introduction to the Early Childhood Profession ..............................................3
Ecec 1101  Growth and 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

* - course has a prerequisite

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
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(Full Time Enrollment)

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First Semester (15 credits)

- Ecec 1100 (3)
- Ecec 1101 (3)
- Ecec 2256 (3)
- General Education 6

Second Semester (14 credits)

- Ecec 1102 (3)
- Ecec 2251(3)
- Ecec 2210 (2)
- Ecec 2255 (3)
- General Education (3)

Third Semester (9 credits)

- Ecec 2211 (3)
- Ecec 2254 (3)
- General Education (3)

Fourth Semester (15 credits)

- Ecec 1130 (3)
- Ecec 1140 (3)
- Ecec 2260 (3)
- General Education (6)

Fifth Semester (11 credits)

- Ecec 1163 (1)
- Ecec 2221 (4)
- General Education (3)
- Program Elective (3)

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64 to 65
Career Information: ECEC.AAS.ADMIN

Job Title(s): Education Administrators, Preschool and Childcare Center/Program (SOC 11-9031):

Plan, direct, or coordinate the academic and nonacademic activities of preschool and childcare centers or programs.

For salary and wage information, please visit: www.onetonline.org

If you would like information regarding internships, resume development, and job search skills, please contact the Career Services Center.
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Related Occupations:
Preschool Director
Early Childhood Program Supervisor (ECP Supervisor)
Principal
Prekindergarten Program Coordinator
Early Head Start Director
Childcare Director
Therapeutic Preschool Program Manager
Teacher
Site Coordinator
Program Director