

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



A.A.S. Degree

Minimum 62 hours

Career & Technical Education • Associate in Applied Science Degree • Minimum 2.0 OGPA • Major Code: DECE

SIC HAS BEEN APPROVED TO ALSO OFFER THIS DEGREE THROUGH ONLINE INSTRUCTION

## FIRST YEAR

Fall Semester		Credit Hrs
ENG 121	Rhetoric & Composition I	3
ECE 141	Child Development	3
ECE 121	Intro to Early Childhood Education	3
ECE 142	Health, Safety, Nutrition	3
ECE 115	Infant Toddler Development	3
Total Hours		15

Spring Semester		Credit Hrs
ENG 122	Rhetoric & Composition II	3
ECE 114	Play and Learning Environment	3
ECE 143	Guidance, Observation and Assessment	4
ECE 214	Language and Literacy Development	3
EDUC 260	Educational Technology	3
Total Hours		16

## SECOND YEAR

Fall Semester		Credit Hrs
PSYC 121	Intro Psychology	3
EDUC 226	Students with Special Needs	3
ECE 240	Math and Science Methods	3
ECE 220	Practicum I	4
EDUC 280	Selected Topics in Education	1
Total Hours		14

Spring Semester		Credit Hrs
MATH 151 or MATH 128 or MATH 144	Occupational Math College Algebra Heart of Mathematics	4
ECE 116	Infant and Toddler Curriculum	3
ECE 213	Child, Family, Community	3
ECE 215	Supervision and Administration of ECE Programs	3
ECE 221	Practicum II	4
Total Hours		17

Please contact the Coordinator of the ECE and Education programs, Dr. Diane King at (618) 252-5400 ext. 2221 or [diane.king@sic.edu](mailto:diane.king@sic.edu) or an Academic Advisor to register for classes or for any information about this Early Childhood Education Degree. ECE 220 Practicum I, ECE 221 Practicum II and ECE 299 IDC Practicum are conducted in approved and licensed early childhood programs. Contact the Coordinator of the Early Childhood and Education Programs for approved off-campus practicum sites.

**SPECIAL FACILITIES:** Southeastern Illinois College's Child Care Facility (Mary Jo Oldham Center for Child Study) for children serves as a site for students enrolled in this Early Childhood Education Program to observe and to learn.

**NOTE:** All Early Childhood Education and Education courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better to graduate with this Early Childhood Education Degree.

**ILLINOIS LAW** requires that students enrolled in classes that involve interaction/observation with children must meet Illinois licensing requirements as enforced by the Department of Children and Family Services. Currently **all** ECE courses require interaction/observation. Students **must** 1) be electronically fingerprinted at a DCFS site; 2) have a physical exam, including TB test, showing that the student meets Illinois health requirements; 3) have three letters of reference on file; 4) provide instructor with a copy of college transcript and driver's license; and 5) sign additional paperwork that is provided during orientation before going on site. **All of these requirements must be met before entering class.**

**THIS PROGRAM** is designed to accommodate students enrolled full-time or part-time, including those currently employed in Early Childhood settings.

Occupational information about this program is available at O\*NET online [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org). Once at that website enter the SOC Code that is listed for this program. O\*NET – SOC Code: 39-9011.00, 39-9011.01

SIC is an Illinois Gateways to Opportunity Entitled Institution for ECE, Infant Toddler and the Illinois Director Credential.

Theory for every course is offered online and through 4 hybrid courses (combination of on campus & online). Students may choose to come to class for the theory component for ECE 141,142,114, and 143. Please note that there are face-to-face observations and/or clinical experiences for each class. The ECE AAS Degree is a professional preparation program. Each course requires a specific amount of observations, interviews, teaching implementations & specialized activities with families in approved Early Childhood settings. Students must be able to commit to the clinical component for each course.

### Career Opportunities:

Owner/Director of a Child Care Center, Child Care teacher, Family Child Care Provider, Teacher's Aide (or Paraprofessional) in School Setting  
Illinois Gateways Career Info - <http://ilgateways.com/professional-development/higher-education-programs/career-lattice>

### Major Employers:

Early Care and Education Programs