

# 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.

**SPECIAL FACILITIES:** Southeastern Illinois College's Child Care Facility (Mary Jo Oldham Center for Child Study) for children, 6 weeks - 6 year olds, 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.

**STUDENTS** are expected to have knowledge and experience of common computer software applications such as word processing, database, spreadsheet, Internet and e-mail. If not, students should enroll in IT 119-3 Basic Applications their first semester.

**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 and receiving proper state and local forms.**

**PRACTICUM I and PRACTICUM II** are conducted in approved and licensed early care and education programs. Contact the Coordinator of the Early Childhood and Education Programs for approved off-campus practicum sites.

**SIC is an Illinois Gateways to Opportunity entitled institution for Infant Toddler Credential and Early Childhood Credential by completing ECE 299-4 Director Practicum students may apply for Illinois Director Credential.**

**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

### Career Opportunities:

OWNER OR Manager of a Day Care, Day Care or Pre-School Child Care Provider, Family Child Care Home Provider, Teacher's Aide (or Paraprofessional Educator) in a Classroom or for an Individual Child in a School Setting, Child Care Provider In other facilities that Provide Childcare (YMCA's, Churches, Hotels or other Recreational Facilities).

### Major Employers:

Early Care and Education Programs including Day Care Centers, Public Schools, Special Education Co-ops, Private Child Care, Head Start, Child Care Resource & Referral Facility, Residential Facilities for Children/Youth, Women's Center's Children's Programs, Recreation Programs for Children.

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