

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CERTIFICATE

Program Code: S.CDE.CER

## Certificate

Graduation requirement — 32 semester hours

The Early Childhood Education certificate fulfills the minimum educational requirements of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services for early childhood teachers. Courses help students reach Illinois Gateways Early Childhood Education Credential Level 3, Infant Toddler Caregiver Credential Level 2, and Illinois Great Start Wage Supplement Program Level 4. All courses apply toward the Early Childhood Education Associate's Degree educational requirement.

## Program Notes

- A criminal background investigation is required prior to field experience. Students are responsible for any fees.
- To take ECE 222, students must have a 2.0 GPA and instructor approval.

*FALL*  
1st Semester  
ECE 123  
ECE 125  
ECE 223  
ENG 101  
PSY 207

*SPRING*  
2nd Semester  
ECE 124  
ECE 144  
ECE 201  
ECE 227

*FALL*  
3rd Semester  
ECE 222

<b>Required Program Courses (26 hours)</b>		<b>Cr. Hrs.</b>
ECE 123	Socialization and Guidance for the Young Child ...	2
ECE 124	Program Planning for the Young Child . . . . .	3
ECE 125	Observation and Assessment . . . . .	3
ECE 144	Caring for Infants and Toddlers . . . . .	4
ECE 201	Health, Safety, and Nutrition of the Young Child . . .	3
ECE 222	Assisting in the Child-Care Center . . . . .	5
ECE 223	Child, Family, and Community . . . . .	3
ECE 227	Language and Literature for the Young Child . . .	3

<b>Required General Education Courses (6 hours)</b>		<b>Cr. Hrs.</b>
ENG 101	Composition I . . . . .	3
PSY 207	Introduction to Child Psychology . . . . .	3

*Total Semester Credit Hours* 32