

Education: Early Childhood - Child Care Option

Associate in Applied Science Degree

The Child Care Option in the Early Childhood Program meets the requirements of the State of Illinois for the training of child care directors and workers. Students should complete most of their work prior to enrolling in EDUC 201, Early Childhood Education Internship. **A criminal background check is required for all courses for which students must complete observation hours. Students must complete the criminal background check only once, as long as students are continuously enrolled. Students completing their practicums must meet DCFS requirements.**

Upon completion of all the requirements of the program a student must show proof of current CPR/First Aid certification. Those students earning college hours through CDA credentialing must show proof that this is current in order to be awarded a degree. Some courses are offered alternate years. Please refer to course descriptions.

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First time degree seeking students must complete INST101, Success in College, as a requirement for graduation.

REQUIRED COURSES	HOURS	F,S,I,SU	GRADE
First Semester			
EDUC 103 Intro. Early Childhood Education	3		
* PSYC 100 Introduction to Psychology	3		
EDUC 206 Cultural Effects on Child Development	3		
HLTH 103 First Aid and CPR/Young Children	2		
* ENGL 121 Communications Skills <u>OR</u> * ENGL 101 Rhetoric I	3		
BOFF 228 Intro to Word (pre: BOFF 114 or successful score on Liberal Arts typing test and BOFF 130)	2		
Total	16		
Second Semester			
* PSYC 101 Child Development	3		
EDUC 104 Creative Learning Experiences	4		
EDUC 208 Language Development (pre: PSYC 101)	3		
* Science Elective <u>OR</u> Math Elective	3		
* SPCH 101 Oral Communication	3		
Total	16		
Third Semester			
EDUC 240 Program Planning for Young Children	3		
EDUC 230 Infants & Toddler Development	3		
EDUC 260 Health/Nutrition Young Children	2		
EDUC 270 Education/Exceptional Child	3		
EDUC 160 Guiding Children	2		
Humanities Elective	3		
Total	16		
Fourth Semester			
EDUC 250 Math and Science for Young Children	3		
EDUC 201 Early Childhood Education Practicum (pre: consent of instructor)	5		
EDUC 170 Infant/Toddler Curriculum (pre: EDUC 230)	3		
EDUC 207 Children's Literature	3		
Total	14		

Total Hours 62

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* General Education.

See list of Human Relations requirements.

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Enrollment in developmental classes may increase the length of time it takes to complete an associate degree.

Courses requiring a Criminal Background Check include: EDUC 101, EDUC 103, EDUC 170, EDUC 201, EDUC 206, EDUC 208, EDUC 220, EDUC 226, EDUC 230, EDUC 270 and PSYC 101.