

**THIS IS A CAREER DEGREE.  
IT IS NOT DESIGNED TO TRANSFER TO A FOUR YEAR UNIVERSITY.**

**Danville Area Community College  
2020-2021**

## 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. Upon initial enrollment in the program students must complete an "Application to Participate" form (see NOTE). Students must complete the majority of their coursework prior to enrolling in EDUC 201, Early Childhood Education Practicum. Students must meet DCFS requirements in order to complete the practicum. Some courses are offered alternate years. Please refer to course descriptions.

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

REQUIRED COURSES	HOURS	F,S,I,SU	GRADE
<b>First Semester</b>			
**EDUC 103 Intro. Early Childhood Education	3		
**EDUC 206 Cultural Effects on Child Development	3		
* ENGL 121 Communications Skills <u>OR</u> * ENGL 101 Rhetoric I	3		
* PSYC 100 Introduction to Psychology	3		
EDUC 207 Children's Literature	3		
Total	15		
<b>Second Semester</b>			
EDUC 104 Creative Learning Experiences	4		
* SPCH 101 Oral Communication	3		
**EDUC 208 Language Development (pre or concurrent: PSYC 101)	3		
EDUC 250 Math and Science for Young Children	3		
**PSYC 101 Child Development (pre: PSYC 100)	3		
Total	16		
<b>Third Semester</b>			
EDUC 159 Issues in Exceptionalities	3		
EDUC 160 Guiding Children	2		
**EDUC 230 Infants & Toddler Development	3		
* Humanities Elective	3		
EDUC 260 Health/Nutrition Young Children	2		
* Science Elective <u>OR</u> Math Elective	3		
Total	16		
<b>Fourth Semester</b>			
**EDUC 170 Infant/Toddler Curriculum (pre: EDUC 230)	3		
EDUC 201 Early Childhood Education Practicum (pre: consent of instructor)	5		
**EDUC 220 Day Care Administration	3		
EDUC 240 Program Planning for Young Children	3		
Total	14		
Total Hours	61		

\*General Education                      See list of Human Relations requirements.

Enrollment in developmental classes may increase the length of time to complete degree

**\*\*Students completing observation hours may be required to complete state and federal criminal background checks, depending upon where they are doing their observations. Students completing the practicum for Early Childhood Education or the Practicum for the Paraprofessional or Teaching Assistant programs are required to complete both the federal and state background checks.**

NOTE: Entry into the program is determined through the evaluation of personal qualifications and verification that the student meets the requirements to work in the field.