

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CREDENTIAL- Effective FALL 2018

The Early Childhood Education credential is offered to students who are interested in working with young children. Students who complete the courses and hold an Early Childhood Education credential will be entitled to an Illinois Gateways Level 5 Early Childhood credential. The coursework is a combination of required coursework for the Human Development and Learning degree in the College of Education as well as additional Educational Psychology (EPSY) courses required for the credential.

Required Courses – HDL degree plus Illinois Gateways Level 5 Early Childhood Education Credential (32 hours in ECE)	Hours
<i>Human Development and Learning Core:</i>	3
EPSY 255 - Child Development in Contemporary Society (3)	
<i>Research Core Required Courses:</i>	3
EPSY 405 – Educational Assessment and Evaluation (3) or SPED 462 Assessment of Students with Disabilities (3)	
<i>Domains of Development and Learning Across the Lifespan Required Courses:</i>	6
EPSY 320– Social Development of Urban Children (3)	
ED 258 - Language Development and Learning in a Diverse Society (3) or SPED/EPSY 466 – Language Development, Diversity and Disabilities (3)	
<i>Recommended: EPSY 429 (with instructor approval)</i>	
<i>Diverse Populations and Learning Contexts Required Courses:</i>	6
EPSY 382 Child, Family, and Community (3)	
EPSY 370 ECE and Curriculum (3)	
<i>Recommended: SPED/EPSY 482 - Collaborating with Families, Community and Colleagues (3) (includes family engagement practicum)</i>	
<i>Human Development and Learning Electives Required Course:</i>	10
EPSY 426 – Health, Wellness and Development: Prenatal to Age 8 (4) (includes 0-3 practicum)	
EPSY520– Curriculum, Interactions and Environments in Early Childhood Education (6) (includes 90 hour practicum split in prek and primary grade) SPRING SEMESTER ONLY	
<i>Recommended: EPSY 422 – Advanced Child Development</i>	
<i>Additional Required courses for ECE Credential:</i>	4
CI 481 Foundations of Bilingual/ESL Education (4) (includes 30 hour practicum in primary grades with DLLs)	
Total Hours – Early Childhood Education Credential (REQUIRED)	32

