

Early Childhood Teacher Education Program Professional Course Sequence

Students must earn a grade of C or higher in each course to meet the Illinois State Board of Education licensure requirements and earn 120 hours to meet campus degree requirements.

Year I

| Semester | Course | Title | Hours |
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| Fall | SPED 450 | Intro to ECSE | 2 |
| | CI 422 | Families, Communities and Schools | 3 |
| | HDFS 301 | Infancy & Early Childhood | 4 |
| | CI 465 | Lang Literacy in EC Educ I | 3 |
| Fall or Spring | EPSY 401 | Child Language and Education | 3 |
| Spring | CI 420 | Found of Early Childhood Educ | 5 |
| | CI 466 | Lang Literacy in EC Educ II | 3 |
| | CI 443 | Math in Early Childhood | 3 |
| | CI 424 | Child Development and Technology | 3 |

9 courses/29 hours

- ▶ Observation hours will be coordinated via HDFS 301. In addition to scheduled course time, students will complete a minimum of 25 hours at the Early Child Development Lab (arrangements made with the cooperating teacher).
- ▶ CI 420 requires students to be available for the practicum portion of this course Monday – Friday 8am to noon. Students should not enroll in other courses with a start time prior to 1pm.
- ▶ If additional courses are needed, summer school needs to be considered since there is no room in Year II for any additional coursework.
- ▶ Students in teaching licensure programs must maintain a C or better in ALL professional education coursework in Year I to be eligible to continue into Year II.

Year II

| Semester | Course | Title | Hours |
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| Fall | CI 421 | Prin & Prac in Early Childhood | 3 |
| | EDPR 420 | Ed Prac Students with Sp Needs | 4 |
| | SPED 414 | Assessment in ECSE | 3 |
| | SPED 465 | Curriculum and Methods in ECSE | 3 |
| | ART 201 | Art in Early Childhood | 2 |
| | MUS 345 | Music Methods in Early Childhood | 2 |

6 courses/17 hours

- ▶ EDPR 420 is a classroom placement related to the methods courses. The classroom placement is scheduled for four hours Monday – Thursday mornings for the first six weeks of the semester and Monday – Friday mornings from week seven through the end of the semester.
- ▶ Students in teaching licensure programs must maintain a C or better in ALL professional education coursework to be eligible to continue into student teaching.

| Semester | Course | Title | Hours |
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| Spring | CI 445 | Science and Social Studies Inquiry | 3 |
| | EDPR 432 (EC) | Ed Prac in EC & EEd (Student Teaching) | 12 |

2 courses/15 hours

- ▶ The interrelated structure of EDPR 432/student teaching does not allow students to enroll in courses outside of the professional education sequence.

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