

Early Childhood Education

THE PROGRAM

The Early Childhood Education program at Kishwaukee College provides a solid foundation for those drawn to this exciting and vital profession. Our certificate options prepare students for jobs as assistant teachers in early childhood education.

Students will learn the fundamentals of caring and educating children including nutrition, curriculum planning and working with the public. A certificate in Early Childhood Education is a great entry-point into the field and convenient way to see if this profession is the right fit for you.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

As a student in Early Childhood Education, you will have options. The certificate programs qualify you to work as an assistant teacher in a childcare center, preschool, or special program for children aged infant to 8 years.

GATEWAYS ECE LEVEL 2

Curriculum No. 475

Upon completion of this certificate, students will be eligible to apply for the Gateways Early Childhood Education Credential Level 2 through Gateways to Opportunity. Requires 19 credit hours.

ONE YEAR PROGRAM		
Fall Semester		
ECE 111	The Developing Child	(3)
ECE 112	Guiding Young Children	(3)
ECE 161	Family-Community Relationships	(3)
Spring Semester		
ECE 110	Foundations of Early Child Ed	(3)
ECE 222	Child Nutrition and Health	(3)
ECE 225	Techniques & Curriculum Plans	(4)

GATEWAYS ECE LEVEL 3

Curriculum No. 477

Upon completion of this certificate, students will be eligible to apply for the Gateways Early Childhood Education Credential Level 3 through Gateways to Opportunity. This certificate requires 18 credits from the Level 2 ECE coursework as well as 9 credits of general education electives. Requires 28 credit hours.

ONE YEAR PROGRAM		
Fall Semester		
ECE 111	The Developing Child	(3)
ECE 112	Guiding Young Children	(3)
ECE 161	Family-Community Relationships	(3)
	General Education Elective	(6)
Spring Semester		
ECE 110	Foundations of Early Child Ed	(3)
ECE 222	Child Nutrition and Health	(3)
ECE 225	Techniques & Curriculum Plans	(4)
	General Education Elective	(3)

Per Gateways to Opportunity requirements 9 semester hours of general education coursework must be completed, requirements are: any Math, English, and general education electives (Psychology, Sociology, Science etc.) These hours must be credit bearing and nondevelopmental 100+ level. The courses listed below are recommended, however any 9 credit hours that meet the Gateways requirements will be accepted.

ELECTIVES		
Recommended General Education Electives		
ENG 103	Composition I	(3)
MAT 201	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers I	(3)
MAT 202	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers II	(3)
PSY 102	Introduction to Psychology	(3)
PSY 225	Psychology of Childhood and Adolescence	(3)
SOC 170	Introduction to Sociology	(3)

Additional Sources of Information:

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