

ILLINOIS VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Early Childhood Education Associate in Applied Science (AAS)

Illinois Gateways ECE Level 4 Credential (updated FA22)

This program is for students interested in working with children birth – age 8 (grade 2). The AAS degree (ECE Level 4 Credential) transfers in full to all public, and some private, universities in Illinois.

First Year

	Fall	Spring	Summer
FALL SEMESTER			
ECE 1000 Introduction to Early Childhood Education (FA/SP)	3		
ECE 1027 Child, Family, School & Community (FA only)	3		
ECE 1202 Foundations & Trends for Infants, Toddlers, Twos (FA only online)	3		
ECE 1203 Creative Activities (FA only; 8 weeks)	3		
PSY 2001 Child Growth and Development (FA/SP/SU)	<u>3</u>		
	15 credits		
SPRING SEMESTER			
ECE 1005 Health, Safety & Nutrition (SP only)		3	
ECE 2202 Curriculum Programming (SP only)		3	
ECE 2005 Exceptional Learner (FA/SP- online)		3	
EDC 1203 – Educational Technology (SP only; 8 weeks)		3	
ECE 1204 – DAP for Infants, Toddlers, Twos (or CDA ECE Elective)		<u>3</u>	
		15 credits	
SUMMER SEMESTER			
ENG 1001 – English Composition I			<u>3</u>
			3 credits

Second Year

FALL SEMESTER

ECE 1201 Child Guidance/Child Study (FA only – online)	3		
ECE 2207 Observation & Assessment (FA only – online)	3		
ECE 2208 Language Development (FA only)	3		
ECE 1205 – Math for Young Children (FA only online; 8 weeks) or General Education Math Course (FA/SP/SU)	3		
Elective (FA/SP/SU)	<u>3</u>		
	15 credits		

SPRING SEMESTER

ECE 2206 E-Portfolio (FA/SP - online)		1	
ECE 2219 Practicum/Student Teaching (FA/SP)		4	
Elective (FA/SP) or (ECE 2220 – I/T Practicum)		1	
ECE 2203 Supervision and Administration		4	
Elective (FA/SP/SU)		<u>2</u>	
		12 credits	

TOTAL: 60 credits

All ECE courses listed as blended may be Flex-Attend for students who may be incumbent workers in classrooms with young children.

Child Development Associate (CDA): Equivalent to ECE 1206 – Foundations in ECE and ECE 1203 – Creative Activities Program Electives:

ECE 1204 – DAP for Infants, Toddlers, Twos (3 credit hours); ECE 2220 – Infant/Toddler Practicum (1 credit hour)

Upon enrollment to ECE 1000, ECE 1202, ECE 1204, and ECE 2005, students are required to:

- Complete the Illinois State Police (ISP) and Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Background Check. Students must purchase the 'Education Packet' from the bookstore which includes the fee and the forms for the one-time background check.

Students will be held accountable to the IVCC Education Disposition Policy, found in the Education Packet purchased through the bookstore.

IVCC's Entitled Credential Programs through

'Illinois Gateways to Opportunity'

ECE Level 4 (ECE AAS degree) – transfers to all public universities in Illinois

ECE and Infant/Toddler Credentials Level 2 and 3 Certificates

ECE AAS GUIDESHEET NOTES:

ECE 1000 is a prerequisite for ECE 2202, ECE 2207, ECE 2208, and ECE 2219 and ECE 2220.

ECE 1000 may be a co-req. to ECE 2202, and ECE 2208.

ECE 1202 is a prerequisite for ECE 1204.

EDC 1203 – Educational Technology must be taken prior to enrollment in ECE 2206.

The following courses must be completed before ECE 2219: ECE 1000 - Introduction to ECE; ECE 1201 – Child Guidance, Child Study; ECE 1202 – Foundations/Trends for Infants/Toddlers/Twos; ECE 1203 - Creative Activities; ECE 2202 - Curriculum Programming; ECE 2207 – Observation/Assessment; ECE 2208 - Language Development

The following courses must be completed before ECE 2220: ECE 1000 - Introduction to ECE; ECE 1201 – Child Guidance, Child Study; ECE 1202 – Foundations/Trends for Infants/Toddlers/Twos; ECE 1203 - Creative Activities; ECE 1204 – DAP for Infants, Toddlers, Twos; ECE 2202 - Curriculum Programming; ECE 2207 – Observation/Assessment; ECE 2208 - Language Development.

A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 is required prior to enrolling in ECE 2219. Students must earn a C or above in all courses. Petitioned approval by the ECE Program Coordinator is required the semester prior to student teaching (ECE 2219). All forms must be completed prior to registering.

Early Childhood Education Gateways Credential Level 2 Certificate

GATEWAYS CREDENTIAL LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE (18 credit hours)

This certificate is intended for students who are currently employed in the early childhood field as teacher assistants and wish to gain the Level 2 credential.

Semester One:

ECE 1000 Introduction to Early Childhood Education (3)
ECE 1027 Child, Family, School & Community (3)
PSY 2001 Child Growth and Development (3)

Students must earn a C or above in all courses.

Semester Two:

ECE 1005 Health, Safety & Nutrition (3)
ECE 2202 Curriculum Programming (3)
ECE 2005 Exceptional Learner (3)

Infant/Toddler Gateways Credential Level 2 Certificate (21 credit hours)

This certificate is intended for students who are pursuing the ECE Gateways Credential Level 2 Certificate. The Infant/Toddler Credential Level 2 Certificate is obtained by completing the ECE Gateways Credential Level 2 Certificate and successful completion of ECE 1202 – Foundations and Trends for Infants/Toddler/Two Care and Education.

Early Childhood Education Gateways Credential Level 3 Certificate

GATEWAYS CREDENTIAL LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE (27 credit hours)

This certificate is intended for students employed in the early childhood field who wish to gain the Level 3 credential.

Semester One:

ECE 1000 Introduction to Early Childhood Education (3)
ECE 1027 Child, Family, School & Community (3)
PSY 2001 Child Growth and Development (3)

Semester Two:

ECE 1005 Health, Safety & Nutrition (3)
ECE 2202 Curriculum Programming (3)
ECE 2005 Exceptional Learner (3)

Semester Three:

ECE 2207 Observation & Assessment (3)
ENG 1001 English Composition 1 (3)
ECE 1205 Math for Young Children (3) **OR** General Education Math (3)

Infant/Toddler Gateways Credential Level 3 Certificate (33 credit hours)

*This certificate is intended for students who are pursuing the ECE Gateways Credential Level 3 Certificate. The Infant/Toddler Credential Level 3 Certificate is obtained by completing the ECE Gateways Credential Level 3 Certificate and successful completion of ECE 1202 – Foundations and Trends for Infant/Toddler/Two Care and Education **and** ECE 1204 – Developmentally Appropriate Practices for Infants/Toddlers/Twos.*

ECE Licensure Endorsement Certificate (18 credit hours)

This certificate is intended for students who already have their Professional Educator License (PEL) and are pursuing their ECE Endorsement through the Illinois State Board of Education. Students go through their ELIS account to apply for their endorsement. ISBE will issue a deficiency letter identifying which content areas are missing. Upon completion of all content areas and passage of the ECE Content Area exam, student applies to ISBE for the ECE Endorsement.

PSY 2001 – Child Growth and Development (3)
ECE 2202 – Curriculum Programming (3)
ECE 2207 – Observation and Assessment (3)

ECE 1027 – Child, Family, School & Community (3)
ECE 2208 – Language Development (3)
ECE 1205 – Math for Young Children (3)

For more information, contact ECE Program Coordinator, Tammy Landgraf at tammy_landgraf@ivcc.edu

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Early Childhood Education Program Resources

Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity:

If you work or have worked in early childhood education and you're seeking credentials and/or a degree in early childhood education, you may be eligible for the Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity (ECACE) Scholarship Program. You may be eligible for coverage of tuition, fees, books, and cost of attendance.

[ECACE Scholarship Information](#)

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