

ILLINOIS VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Early Childhood Education Associate in Applied Science (AAS)

Illinois Gateways ECE Level 4 Credential (updated FA25)

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/SP)	3		
ECE 1202 Foundations & Trends for Infants, Toddlers, Twos (FA online)	3		
ECE 1206 Foundations in Early Childhood Education (FA/SU; 12 weeks) (CDA)	3		
PSY 2001 Child Growth and Development (FA/SP/SU)	<u>3</u>		
	15 credits		
SPRING SEMESTER			
ECE 1005 Health, Safety & Nutrition (SP/SU)		3	
ECE 2202 Curriculum Programming (SP)		3	
ECE 2005 Exceptional Learner (FA/SP)		3	
ECE 1203 Creative Activities (SP; 8 weeks) (CDA)		3	
**EDC 2006 Multicultural Education or ECE 1204– DAP for Infants, Toddlers, Twos (I/T Lvl3 Credential) or ECE 2205 – Leadership and Coaching in ECE (Director-Qualified Certificate)		<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)	3		
ECE 2207 Observation & Assessment (FA only)	3		
ECE 2208 Language Development (FA only)	3		
ECE 1205 – Math for Young Children (FA) or General Education Math Course (FA/SP/SU)	3		
AAS General Education Course (FA/SP/SU)	<u>3</u>		
	15 credits		

SPRING SEMESTER

ECE 2203 Supervision and Administration		3	
ECE 2206 E-Portfolio (FA/SP - online)		1	
ECE 2219 Early Childhood Practicum (FA/SP)		5	
AAS General Education Course (FA/SP/SU) or ECE 2220 Infant Toddler Practicum (I/T Lvl 4 Credential)		<u>3</u>	
		12 credits	

TOTAL: 60 credits

**EDC 2006 meets the AAS transfer option, ECE 1204 meets the infant/toddler Level 3 certificate option, and ECE 2205 meets the director-qualified certificate option.

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

Upon enrollment to ECE 1000, ECE 1202, ECE 1204, ECE 2207, 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, and some private, universities in Illinois
ECE and Infant/Toddler Credentials Level 2 (and Levels 3 and 4 – optional)

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.

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 of 2.0 is required before 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 internships. 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 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)

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)

*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, students apply 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)

Director Qualified Certificate (21 credit hours)

This certificate is intended for students who already have 60 college credit hours and are seeking to become director-qualified with the DCFS licensing required business/administration coursework/competencies.

ECE 2203 – Supervision and Administration	3 credit hours
ECE 2205– Leadership and Coaching in ECE	3 credit hours
ECE 1201 – Child Guidance/Child Study	3 credit hours
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*ECE course	<u>3 credit hours</u>
	21 credit hours

Students may choose from the approved ECE courses to complete the Director Qualified Certificate:

ECE 1000 – Introduction to Early Childhood Education
ECE 1027 – Child, Family, School, Community
ECE 1005 – Health, Safety, and Nutrition for the Young Child
ECE 1206 – Foundations in Early Childhood Education
ECE 1202 – Foundations and Trends of Early Care and Education for Infants, Toddlers, and Twos
ECE 2202 – Curriculum Programming
ECE 2005 – The Exceptional Learner
ECE 1203 – Creative Activities
ECE 1204 – Developmentally Appropriate Practice for Infants, Toddlers, Twos
ECE 2207 – Observation and Assessment
ECE 2208 – Language Development
ECE 1205 – Math for Young Children
PSY 2001 – Child Growth and Development is recognized as a DCFS-approved ECE course

Semester One:

ECE Course (3)
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Semester Two:

ECE 2203 – Supervision and Administration (3)
ECE 2205 - Leadership and Coaching in ECE (3)
ECE Course (3)

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