

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE ADVANCED, CERTIFICATE

Students pursuing the **Early Childhood Education and Care Advanced Certificate** will enhance the knowledge, skills, and experiences acquired in the Early Childhood Education and Care Certificate to more effectively work with children from birth to age eight. This advanced certificate meets the early childhood academic course requirements for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (IDCFS) to be an assistant teacher. This advanced certificate also meets the academic requirements to qualify students to be a lead teacher if the additional qualifications established by IDCFS are met. Students should consult their DCFS representative. Within this certificate, students will complete the required coursework to be eligible to apply for the Gateways Early Childhood Education Credential Level 3 through Gateways to Opportunity. This certificate requires a minimum of 33 credits in the courses listed below.

For more information about Early Childhood Education and Care, please visit the program page (<http://www.cod.edu/ecec/>).

Certificate Requirements

Field of Study Code: ECEC.CER.ADV

Code	Title	Credits
ECEC 1100	Intro to the Early Childhood Profession	3
ECEC 1101	Growth & Development of the Young Child	3
ECEC 1102	Child Guidance Practices	3
ECEC 2211	Child Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
ECEC 2251	Curriculum Planning for the Young Child	3
ECEC 2252	Child/Family/Community Relations & Resources	3
ECEC 2260	Early Childhood Professional	3
ECEC 1151	Language and Literacy Development in a Diverse Classroom	3
ENGLI 1101	English Composition I	3
PSYCH 1100 or SOCIO 1100	General Psychology Introduction to Sociology	3
Select one of the following Math courses. Check for transferability:		3-4
ECEC 2208	Mathematics for the Young Child	
MATH 1100	Business Mathematics	
MATH 1218	General Education Mathematics	
MATH 1321	Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers I	
Total Credits		33-34