

Effective Date: Fall 2016**Early Childhood Education (B.S. in Education)
Request for Program Change**

Request: To add coursework in earth and space science (i.e., ESC 1400G – Weather and Climate Credits: 4; **or** ESC 3200 – Human Impacts on the Environment Credits: 3; **or** ESC/GEL 1300G – Introduction to Earth Sciences Credits: 4; **or** PHY 1055G – Principles of Astronomy Credits: 3 and PHY 1056G Principles of Astronomy Laboratory Credit: 1) to the Departmental Requirements (in addition to University General Education Requirements) for Early Childhood Education Majors (B.S. in Education).

Rationale: This change is required in order to meet the requirements for an early childhood education endorsement issued for birth to grade 2 as outlined in the Illinois Administrative Code (i.e., Title 23: Education and Cultural Resources, Subtitle A: Education, Chapter 1: State Board of Education, Subchapter b: Personnel, Part 25: Educator Licensure, Subpart B: Licenses, Section 25.96). Coursework that addresses at least three areas of science (i.e., physical, life and earth and space) are required. The existing early childhood program incorporates course work in physical and life science, but not earth and space.

NOTE: The following Department Chairs were consulted regarding this proposed change in curriculum: Dr. Shank (Special Education), Dr. Cornebise (Geology/Geography), and Dr. Daniels (Physics).

APPROVALS

Date Approved by the Department of EC/ELE/MLE Curriculum Committee: Oct. 20, 2015

Date Approved by the Department of EC/ELE/MLE Faculty: Oct. 26, 2015

Date Approved by the CEPS Curriculum Committee:

Date Approved by CAA: N/A

Date Approved by COTE:

Date Approved by CGS: N/A

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Total Semester Hours Required for the Degree: ~~124~~ semester hours

The B.S. in Early Childhood Education leads to teacher licensure with an Early Childhood (birth through grade 3) endorsement.

This major requires that all students (including native, transfer students from community colleges or senior institutions, internal transfers, and post-baccalaureate) follow and meet the requirements for Admission, Retention and Graduation from Teacher Licensure programs as described in the "Teacher Licensure Programs" section of this catalog and as explained at the University Admission to Teacher Education Meeting which all students must attend. Additional information on Admission, Retention and Graduation for Teacher Licensure programs can be found on the College of Education & Professional Studies website at www.eiu.edu/ceps/teached.

All students must pass the Illinois Licensure Test of Academic Proficiency or document a composite score of 22 or higher, with combined English/Writing score of 19, on the ACT plus Writing for selection into teacher education and should complete this requirement no later than their sophomore year.

Students must receive a "C" or better in all courses used toward graduation, regardless of where they are taken. This includes general education, professional education, major and minor course, all university required courses, and electives. Students must maintain a minimum cumulative and major GPA of 2.65 in order to continue in the program.

Professional Course Work (72 semester hours)

All professional education coursework must be completed with a "C" or better prior to student teaching.

- [ART 3440 - Art for Teachers in the Elementary Grades.](#) Credits: 2
 - [CDS 2200 - Language Acquisition.](#) Credits: 3
- [EDF 2555G - Education in a Diverse Society: The Multilingual/Multicultural Classroom.](#) Credits: 3
 - [EDU 2022 - Teaching and Learning with Technology in Classrooms.](#) Credits: 2
 - [ELE 1050 - Introduction to Teaching as a Profession.](#) Credits: 1
- [ELE 2050 - The Whole Child: Teaching and Learning in the Educational Environment.](#) Credits: 3
- [ELE 3225 - Early Childhood Curriculum, Methods, and Assessment: Birth – Age Five.](#) Credits: 4
- [ELE 3250 - Early Childhood Curriculum, Methods, and Assessment in the Primary Grades \(K-3\).](#) Credits: 4
 - [ELE 3281 - Developmental Reading in Early Childhood.](#) Credits: 3
 - [ELE 4100 - Assessing Student Learning: A Field-Based Experience.](#) Credits: 3
- [ELE 4280 - Content Area Reading in the Elementary, Middle and Secondary School.](#) Credits: 3
- [ELE 4770 - Teaching Science and Social Science in the Primary Grades \(K-3\).](#) Credits: 3

- [ELE 4775 - Language and Language Arts in Early Childhood](#). Credits: 3
 - [ELE 4880 - Diagnostic-Prescriptive Reading Instruction](#). Credits: 3
- [ELE 4890 - Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students/English Language Learners: Instructional Methods](#). Credits: 3
 - [ENG 3405 - Children's Literature](#). Credits: 3
 - [HST 3000 - Health Concepts for Teachers](#). Credits: 2
- [KSS 2400 - Introduction to Elementary School Physical Education](#). Credits: 2
 - [MAT 3420 - Teaching Mathematics in Grades PreK-6](#). Credits: 2
 - [MUS 3420 - Music in Elementary Schools](#). Credits: 2
- [SPE 2000 - Disabilities in the Context of Education and the Life Span](#). Credits: 2
- [SPE 3000 - Education of Individuals with Exceptional Learning Needs](#). Credits: 3
 - [STG 4000 - Multicultural/Disabilities Practicum](#). Credits: 1
 - [STG 4001 - Student Teaching](#). Credits: 12-16
- (12 semester hours)

Departmental Requirements (in addition to University General Education Requirements)

University General Education and additional departmental required courses: 49 semester hours

Some courses may also count toward University general education requirements. Consult with Departmental Advisor.

- or
 - [HIS 3600G - The U.S. Constitution and the Nation](#). Credits: 3
 - [PLS 1153G - American Government and Constitution](#). Credits: 3

AND

- or
 - [HIS 2010G - History of the United States to 1877](#). Credits: 3
 - [HIS 2020G - History of the United States Since 1877](#). Credits: 3

7 semester hours of science to include:

BIO 1001G and one course from the following list:

- [CHM 1040G - The World of Chemistry](#). Credits: 4
 - [CHM 1310G - General Chemistry I](#). Credits: 3
- [CHM 1315G - General Chemistry Laboratory I](#). Credits: 1
 - [CHM 3025G - The Chemistry in Your Life](#). Credits: 3
- [PHY 1051G - Physics of the Modern World](#). Credits: 3
 - [PHY 1052G - Adventures in Physics](#). Credits: 3
- [PHY 1053G - Adventures in Physics Laboratory](#). Credits: 1
 - [PHY 1151G - Principles of Physics I](#). Credits: 3
- [PHY 1152G - Principles of Physics I Laboratory](#). Credits: 1
 - [PHY 3050G - Excursions in Physics](#). Credits: 3

AND

- or
 - [ESC 1400G - Weather and Climate](#), Credits: 4
- or
 - [ESC 3200 - Human Impacts on the Environment](#), Credits: 3
- (cross listed with GEL 1300G)
- or
 - [ESC 1300G - Introduction to Earth Sciences](#), Credits: 4
- and
 - [PHY 1055G - Principles of Astronomy](#), Credits: 3
 - [PHY 1056G - Principles of Astronomy Laboratory](#), Credits: 1

AND

- [MAT 1420 - Mathematics for Elementary Teachers I](#), Credits: 3
- [MAT 2420G - Mathematics for Elementary Teachers II](#), Credits: 3

AND

- [ENG 1001G - Composition and Language](#), Credits: 3
- [ENG 1002G - Composition and Literature](#), Credits: 3
- [CMN 1310G - Introduction to Speech Communication](#), Credits: 3

AND

- or
 - [ENG 2901 - Structure of English](#), Credits: 3
 - [ENG 3001 - Advanced Composition](#), Credits: 3

AND

English elective from General Education Humanities courses. Credits: 3

AND

Art, Music, or Theatre Arts course from General Education Fine Arts courses. Credits: 3

AND

- or
 - [GEG 1100G - Cultural Geography](#). Credits: 3
 - [GEG 1200G - World Regional Geography](#). Credits: 3

AND

- [HIS 3810 - History of Illinois](#). Credits: 3

AND

- or
 - [ANT 2200G - Introduction to Anthropology](#). Credits: 3
 - [PLS 2253G - Introduction to International Relations](#). Credits: 3
 - [PSY 1879G - Introductory Psychology](#). Credits: 3
- or
 - [SOC 2750G - Social Problems in Contemporary Society](#). Credits: 3

Footnotes:

Senior Seminar must be taken outside of major.

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University Approval to Take Teacher Education Courses should occur at the end of the first semester junior year with Formal University Admission to Teacher Education occurring at the end of the junior year. See the **Teacher Licensure Program** section of this catalog for more information.

Departmental Approval to Student Teach must be granted prior to Student Teaching. Students must also pass the Illinois Licensure Content Area test for Elementary Education prior to student teaching.

Students must pass the appropriate Assessment of Professional Teaching (APT) test before they can receive their teaching license from Illinois or any other state.

Major GPA is based on all coursework taken at EIU.