

TO: Dr. Laretta Henderson, Dean, College of Education
Members of College of Education Curriculum Committee

FROM: Dr. Jim Howley, Director, BA in General Studies

RE: Elimination of General Studies Option in Child Care Education (ABC)

DATE: September 1, 2020

Action Requested: Eliminate *General Studies: Option in Child Care Education (ABC)*

Effective Date: Spring 2021

Rationale: The Option in Child Care Education (ABC for marketing purposes) is an option offered to General Studies students. Required courses are housed in the Department of Human Services and Community Involvement.

HSCCL changed the curriculum to an Early Childhood Program Administration minor effective Summer 2020. The minor replaces ABC, allowing learners to earn a full minor in program administration, which carries more weight than the previous option. ABC courses have been deleted from the catalog this Fall. As a result, we need to remove the option language from the catalog.

Approved by the Program: August 31, 2020

Approved by COE Curriculum Committee: September 14, 2020

School of Extended Learning

General Mission

The School of Extended Learning creates and delivers excellent student/consumer-sensitive programs through a wide variety of educational delivery systems. These outreach programs in a cost-effective manner enhance opportunities for economic, educational, and professional development for individuals seeking to continue their education. Recognizing the rapidly changing educational needs of a global/lifelong learning society, the unit extends the academic resources and services of the University beyond campus boundaries in an affordable manner and provides access to on- and off-campus higher education programs for the nontraditional students. We offer a nontraditional degree program for adult students, the Bachelor of Arts in General Studies Degree Program. Credit classes are offered at area centers, including Danville Area Community College, Richland Community College in Decatur, Lake Land College in Mattoon, the EIU Center at Parkland College (2400 W. Bradley, Room A170, Champaign, IL) in Champaign/Urbana and Triton College (2000 5th Ave, Bldg. A, Room 105, River Grove, IL), Forest View Education Center (2121 S. Goebbert, Arlington Hts, IL) and University Center at Lake County (1200 University Center Drive, Grayslake, IL). We provide a large number of contract-credit classes to a wide variety of constituents, both of a credit and non-credit nature, throughout the state of Illinois. We are also greatly expanding our online class offerings. Any requests for information should be forwarded to the Office of Academic Services and Operations.

Admission Requirements

Students who do not meet criteria required for admission to on campus programs must be reviewed by the program director.

Students must meet the same criteria for admission to continuing education programs as is required for admission to on-campus programs.

Enrollment Procedures

Pre-enrollment in continuing education courses using the PAWS system is highly recommended. However, in a few cases, students may enroll up to the second-class meeting, if space is available. See the off-campus continuing education web site at www.eiu.edu/adulted for complete details.

TUITION <http://www.eiu.edu/finaid/cost.php>

Fees

All tuition and fees are based upon student classification. Student costs are based upon the following:

TEXTBOOK RENTAL UNDERGRADUATE/GRADUATE (Per Semester Hour)	\$9.75	\$9.75
CONT. ED. UNDERGRADUATE / GRADUATE (Per Semester Hour)	\$44.00	\$44.00

(Students should calculate tuition costs, textbook and continuing education fees.)

Scholarships – Waivers

Scholarships and fee waivers must be validated by the appropriate office prior to use in off-campus/online courses. Contact the School of Extended Learning for information regarding waivers.

Military Tuition Assistance

Military personnel should process their tuition assistance forms through their respective agency in advance of the registration date. No registration can be accepted without completed assistance forms.

Classification of Students

Undergraduate students are classified as follows:

Freshmen: 0-29 semester hours

Sophomores: 30-59 semester hours

Juniors: 60-89 semester hours

Seniors: 90 and above semester hours

Graduate students are those students who have completed a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution.

Schedule of Classes

The schedule of continuing education credit classes is available on our web site at www.eiu.edu/adulted/schedulehome.php. The summer schedule is also located in the university on campus class schedule.

Please address inquiries:

School of Extended Learning

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Charleston, IL 61920

or telephone (217)581-5114/email: offcampus@eiu.edu.

Web site: www.eiu.edu/adulted

Degree Programs

Online, off-campus and hybrid degree programs of particular interest to the adult nontraditional learners can be found at: <http://www.eiu.edu/adulted/offcampus.php>.

Academy of Lifelong Learning

The Academy of Lifelong Learning is a learning community sponsored by the School of Extended Learning. The Academy provides low-cost, high-quality, noncredit courses to individuals in the area. The courses are offered at a reasonable cost and the program provides an opportunity for persons to enjoy a lifetime of learning in a relaxed atmosphere without the strain of having to do outside study, write papers or take tests. The program also offers opportunities for the development of relationships and networks among the community. For more information please contact the Academy of Lifelong Learning at 217-581-5114.

Conferences, Institutes, and Workshops Facilitating workshops, conferences, and special programs for non-credit and credit is part of the mission of the School of Extended Learning at EIU. Each year the school collaborates with individuals, agencies, and organizations to develop and implement a wide variety of special courses and programs. The School of Extended Learning has a professional staff that provides expert program planning services. For more information contact the Office of Extension and Conference Services at 217- 581-5114.

Contract-Credit Courses

The School of Extended Learning can develop special credit courses and workshops with educational and governmental agencies on a contractual basis. These special courses can be offered at locations convenient for the students involved. Please contact the Office of Academic Services and Operations for details.

Credit for Continuing Education Courses

Credit received in EIU courses taught by EIU faculty, either online, on- or off-campus, will be counted as credit in residence. Students may audit courses with permission of the instructor and with payment of the appropriate fees.

Technology Delivered Classes/Workshops

The School of Extended Learning is offering a growing number of classes via technology delivered modalities. For further information, please contact the Office of Academic Services and Operations at (217) 581-5114 or visit the Website at www.eiu.edu/adulted/schedulehome.php

General Studies Degree Program

James A. Howley, Director

General Studies (B.A.)

The Bachelor of Arts in General Studies Degree Program is an individualized, nontraditional program designed for learners with significant life and/or work experience. The program combines sound academic principles with advances in technology to facilitate degree completion. After admission to the program, knowledge and skills acquired by prior learning outside of the traditional classroom, may be evaluated for academic credit.

Core Requirements

- 120 semester hours total
- 40 semester hours at the junior-senior level
- 20 semester hours taken from EIU
- 12 semester hours in Humanities/Fine Arts
- 12 semester hours in Social/Behavioral Sciences
- 12 semester hours in Scientific
- Awareness/Mathematics
- 6 semester hours in Communication/English
- 1 course in Cultural Diversity
- 1 Senior Seminar

In Addition Students Must:

- Complete BGS 3002, Critical Thinking and the Adult Learner and BGS 4001, Self-Directed Leadership.
- Students who have not taken college-level courses for the past five years are required to take BGS 2985, Adults in Transition. Other students may take the course as an elective.
- Note: Students must complete BGS 2985 (if required) and BGS 3002 with a grade of "C" or higher and have earned at least 90 semester hours prior to enrolling BGS 4001
- Complete Electronic Writing Portfolio (EWP) requirements;
- Maintain a minimum 2.00 cumulative grade-point average.

Notes:

1. A student must be admitted to this program by the Director of the Bachelor of Arts in General Studies Degree Program.

2. Beginning Fall 2014 and thereafter, all students transferring into the BGS program from another EIU academic program must meet the BGS degree requirements for the catalog year they are admitted into the program.
3. Students must earn grades of "C" or higher in all BGS courses upon admission to the program..
4. After admission to the program, students may use no more than five (5) one-credit-hour courses towards their degree.

General Studies: Option in Child Care Education (B.A.)

The Option in Child Care Education (known for publicity purposes as the ABC/Associate's to Bachelor's in Child Care) is a cooperative effort of the Department of Human Services & Community Leadership, Nutrition & Dietetics Program and the School of Extended Learning. The program is designed to allow students interested in or currently working in the profession of child care flexibility and accessibility. The required 60 hours of coursework are offered online.

ABC graduates will be prepared to qualify for the Early Childhood Professional Level IV, as identified by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and the Illinois Director's Credential Levels I through II or the Early Childhood Credential Levels I through V through Gateway to Opportunity Illinois Credentialing Program.

Criteria for Admission to the Option:

1. Admission to the University.
2. Admission to the BA in General Studies Program.
3. Completion of HSL 1800 (FCS 1800) Life Span Human Development or comparable coursework with the grade of "C" or better

Option Requirements:

The option comprises a minimum of 60 hours of coursework, to include:

- Senior Seminar—Credits: 3
- Other courses needed to satisfy the core requirements of the BA in General Studies not met by the associate's degree.
- BGS 2985—Adults in Transition. Credits: 2 (NOTE: BGS 2985 is only required for students who have not taken college-level courses within the past five years.)
- BGS 3002—Critical Thinking and the Adult Learner. Credits: 3
- BGS 4001—Self-Directed Leadership. Credits: 3
- NTR 1121—Food Service Sanitation. Credits: 1
- HSL 3800—Sexuality Education. Credits: 3
- HSL 3810—Child Care Issues. Credits: 1
- HSL 3812—Nutrition Topics for Child Care Professionals. Credits: 2
- HSL 4240—Family Advocacy, Policy, and Law. Credits: 3
- HSL 4242—Computer Use for Childcare Administrators. Credits: 2
- HSL 4244—Working with Families of Children Identified as Exceptional. Credits: 3
- HSL 4246—Curriculum for Child Care Homes and Centers. Credits: 3
- HSL 4250—Designing and Managing Learning Environments in Early Childhood Programs. Credits: 2
- HSL 4256—Working with School Age Care Programs. Credits: 3
- HSL 4262—Discipline and Guidance of Young Children. Credits: 2
- HSL 4264—Grant Writing and Development in Human Services. Credits: 3

- ~~HSL 4275— Internship in Human Services Program Administration. Credits: 3 to 6~~
- ~~HSL 4680— Family Systems and their Impact on Child Care. Credits: 3~~
- ~~HSL 4686— Activity Planning to Facilitate Brain Development and Concept Formation in Infant, Toddler, and Preschool Children. Credits: 3~~
- ~~HSL 4845— Family Stress and Resilience. Credits: 3~~
- ~~HSL 4850— Human Services Programs: Community, Culture, and Intersectionality. Credits: 3~~
- ~~HSL 4854— Leadership in Family Life Education. Credits: 3~~
- ~~HSL 4859— Administration of Youth and Family Services Programs. Credits: 3~~
- ~~HSL 4860— Addictions and the Family. Credits: 3~~

In Addition Students Must:

- ~~Complete BGS 2985, Adults in Transition (if needed), BGS 3002, Critical Thinking and the Adult Learner, and BGS 4001, Self-Directed Leadership;~~

Note:

~~A "C" or better is required in these courses.~~