

GENERAL INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES FOR
PROSPECTIVE SIUE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION MAJORS
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Website: <http://www.siu.edu/education/advisement/index.shtml>

APPOINTMENTS IN OCECA FOR UNDECLARED STUDENTS

Students who have had a file started are strongly encouraged to meet with their OCECA advisor to review program requirements, admission policy and application process. Registration at SIUE will take place in Academic Counseling and Advising until a major is declared. Walk-in times may be used after the first appointment. Walk-in times are for quick questions, not for initial visits, registration, or transcript evaluations.

ELEMENTARY AND EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS OVERVIEW:

The Elementary Education Partnership Program is currently the only route to initial certification in this area. The Early Childhood program has two routes to certification: the two year Partnership program and the EChOS program. The two year Partnership Programs are extremely competitive and are based on grade point average and the basic skill score.

Early Childhood On-Site (EChOS):

The EChOS program at SIUE is an alternative path to initial certification in early childhood education. This route allows candidates who are currently working to complete a program leading to IllinoisType-04 certification. Courses are offered at times and locations to meet the needs of working adults. Either undergraduate or graduate credit can be earned. The professional sequence of courses can be completed in a maximum of three years, prior to student teaching, by taking two courses each fall, spring, and summer term. Some practicum experiences can be done in candidate's own classroom, and some coursework may be adapted to reflect prior experience. This unique delivery model will allow early childhood professionals to work toward certification while continuing to work in classrooms, centers, and other early childhood settings. For information contact Dr. Martha Latorre, Director Early Childhood Program Box 1122 Edwardsville, IL 62120 Phone: 618-650-2223 E-mail: mcarto@siue.edu

Program Applications: Students should complete an application to their program of choice even if they are in the process of meeting declaration requirements or are in the process of completing the eligibility requirements. Check with your OCECA Advisor in January to verify your basic skill score, GPA, and application process.

BACK GROUND CHECK Background check – all students must undergo a fingerprint based check through the FBI which checks for arrest and conviction records in all states. Any updates to criminal history are returned to SIUE. Once this background check is run, it must be shared with all school districts in which we request a placement. Students will be responsible for the costs of this background check. Additional information is available in OCECA.

U.S. CITIZENSHIP

If you are not a US citizen and want to be certified in the State of Illinois, you must complete a NOTICE OF INTENT TO BECOME A US CITIZEN. You will have ten (10) years to start the process of becoming a US Citizen. Students will have three (3) years to apply for the teaching certificate after graduation. If you do not apply to the state for your certificate, you may have to take additional courses to meet the certification requirements in effect at that time you do apply. Please the following website for additional information.

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1. Call OCECA at 618-650-3940 to have a file started for either Elementary or Early Childhood Education make sure you inform the Secretary if you hold a Bachelor's Degree.
2. Meet with your OCECA advisor for your first appointment and at least one time per semester.
3. **Apply to the Partnership program.** This is a separate application process from applying to the SIUE. Applications are available in January for each fall program. **Applications to the EChOS program. Applications are available on a continuing basis for fall and spring program.** Applications will be available in the OCECA office and located at the School of Education website: <http://www.siue.edu/education/advisement/index.shtml>

TESTING

The ICTS Basic Skills test code (096) must be passed prior to enrollment in any professional education courses, declaration of an Elementary/Early Childhood Education major or admission to the Partnership Program. It is the student's responsibility to provide a photocopy of his/her Illinois State Basic Skills scores to OCECA for their file.

Content Test: Passing scores must be obtained **prior to being registered for student teaching.**

Elementary Content Test Code: 110

Early Childhood Content Test Code: 107

APT Test: Passing scores must be obtained prior to certification.

Elementary APT Test Code: 102

Early Childhood APT Test Code: 101

State Teacher Certification Certificate numbers:

Elementary Education – type 03 certificates

Early Childhood Education – type 04 certificates

DECLARING A MAJOR IN ELEMENTARY OR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

The following requirements must be completed in order to declare an Elementary or Early Childhood major. Declaration for students seeking their first Bachelor degree will occur in Academic Advising and Counseling. For Post-Bachelor students please see your OCECA advisor for your declaration of major.

1. Pass five Skills Courses with C's or higher
2. Attain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 (All post-secondary institutions attended).
3. Have "Good Standing" status at SIUE (if in attendance).
4. Pass the ICTS Basic Skills test (student must provide verification of passing scores).
ICTS web site: <http://www.icts.nesinc.com/> .

Professional Education Courses are only for declared majors see your OCECA advisor for registration for these courses.

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