

UNDERGRADUATE

Early Childhood Education

School of Education, Health
and Human Behavior
Department of Teaching and Learning

SIUE



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Early Childhood Education at SIUE

Students studying early childhood education at SIUE put learning into practice by applying learned theory to hands-on learning experiences in schools. Class numbers are intentionally kept small so our faculty can provide students with personal attention.

The program leads to initial teacher licensure in Illinois to work with children birth through second grade, as well as a non-licensure option to work in infant/toddler and preschool settings that do not require teacher licensure.

Degrees Available at SIUE

Bachelor of Science, Early Childhood Education

What can I do with a degree in early childhood education?

Teacher education programs at SIUE prepare students for teaching careers in:

- Early childhood education
- Elementary education
- Middle level education
- Special education
- Secondary education

Our graduates also pursue careers as:

- Parent educators
- Child development specialists
- Child service agency workers
- Child and family advocates
- Juvenile justice officers
- Hospital play group directors

Diversity Statement

SIUE's teacher education programs foster teacher candidates' ability to understand and meet professional responsibilities by modeling respect and value for diversity. Candidates create and engage their students in

practices that develop awareness, understanding, respect and a valuing of the forms of diversity that exist in society and their importance in learning and teaching. The School of Education, Health and Human Behavior teacher education programs are dedicated to supporting all teacher education candidates, regardless of their economic or social status, and advocates for the rights of students free from discrimination based on race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, creed, religion, political belief, sex, sexual orientation, gender identification, ability or age.

Professional Credential Disclosure

This program is intended to prepare students for licensure/certification meeting educational requirements established by regulatory boards in the state of Illinois. Licensure/certification requirements can vary by state. If you intend to practice or teach inside or outside the state of Illinois, please visit siue.edu/consumer-disclosures.

Admission Requirements

To declare a major in early childhood education, it is necessary to have:

- Completed any required academic development and high school deficiency courses
- Received a grade of C or better in ENG 101
- A cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher at all institutions and be in good academic standing at SIUE

High school students with a strong academic record may apply for direct declaration to the Department of Teaching and Learning in the early childhood, elementary, or secondary programs. Students must have earned at least a 3.5 high school gpa or 25 ACT or 1200 SAT and at least a 3.25 high school GPA.

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Sample Curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Year 1	ENG 101 English Composition I 3 MATH 112A Mathematics for Elementary Teachers (BPS) or higher (6 credits of MATH 112 or higher) 3 GEOG 111 Introduction to Geography (BSS, EGC) 3 ACS 101 Public Speaking 3 MUS 111, DANC 111 or THEA 111 (BFPA) 3 FST 101 Succeeding & Engaging at SIUE 1 Total Credits 16		ENG 102 English Composition II 3 MATH 112B Mathematics for Elementary Teachers (BPS) or higher (6 credits of MATH 112 or higher) 3 SCI 241A Foundations of Science (BLS, EL) or any Breadth Life Science (BLS) 3 RA 101 Reasoning & Argumentation 3 IT 300 Digital Learning and Comm. for Educators or any Breadth Info & Communication in Society (BICS) 3 Total Credits 15	
	ENG Literature (BHUM) 3 HIST 200 or HIST 201 United States History & Constitution (BSS, EL, EUSC) 3 QR 101 Reasoning & Argumentation 3 PSYC 201 Child Development (BSS) 3 ECON 111/ECON 112 (BSS) 3 Health Experience 2 Total Credits 17		ESCI 111 Earth Science (BPS) 3 SPE 290 Language Development 3 SPE 400 The Exceptional Child 3 SCI 241B Foundations of Science (BPS, EL) or any Breadth Physical Science (BPS) 3 CIED 310 Planning for Diverse Learners 3 Total Credits 15	
Year 3	SPE 440 Infants/Toddlers with Special Needs & Their Families 3 CIED 316 Active Engagement with Infants & Toddlers 3 CIED 317 Health, Nutrition, Safety, Physical Activity 3 ART 450 Early Childhood Art Education 3 Interdisciplinary Studies (IS) 3 CIED 330 EC Field Experience I 1 Total Credits 16		CIED 318 Collaborative Relationships 3 CIED 320 Supporting Language & Literacy Development: Birth-Age 5 3 CIED 417 Assessment of Young Children 3 CIED 319B Inquiry, Investigation & Play in the Early Years-Lab 3 CIED 314 Learning Environments 3 CIED 331 EC Field Experience II 1 Total Credits 16	
	CIED 321 Primary Literacy Assessment and Instruction 3 CIED 418 Teaching Mathematics in Early Childhood Ed. 3 CIED 416 Inquiry, Investigation & Play in the Primary Grades 3 CIED 433 Methods and Materials for Teaching Preschool and Primary Dual and Secondary Language Learners 3 CIED 332 EC Field Experience II 1 Total Credits 13		Licensure CIED 458 Early Childhood Student Teaching 5 CIED 459 Elementary Student Teaching 5 CIED 457 Professionalism, Ethics & Advocacy in Early Childhood 2 Total Credits 12 Non-Licensure CI 490A Independent Projects: Curriculum 5 CI 490G Independent Projects: Early Childhood 5 CIED 452 Seminar in Elementary Teaching 2 Total Credits 12	
Year 4			Total Hours	120

Transfer Students: To maximize your transfer experience, complete the **bolded** courses/requirements pre-transfer and satisfy either the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) General Ed Core or receive an AA, AS, or AAT (early childhood, special ed or math) degree from an IAI community college. If 'Minor' requirements are shown, discuss careful course selection with the academic advising contact listed. Visit siue.edu/transfer to find course equivalency guides.

Admission Requirements Cont.

In order to be admitted to a teacher education cohort in early childhood education, it is necessary to have:

- A cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher at all institutions and be in good academic standing at SIUE
- Completion of 42 semester hours or more of college-level coursework
- All foundations courses (ENG 101, 102, ACS 101, RA 101 and QR 101) must be completed with a C or higher

Graduation Requirements

(subject to change due to changes at ISBE)

- A GPA of 2.5 or higher at all institutions and be in good academic standing at SIUE
- Completion of all specific program requirements (completion of all CIED courses with a C or better)
- Completion of all University requirements including:
 - All general education requirements

- A minimum of 120 credit hours
- At least 30 of which must be completed at SIUE
- At least 60 of which must be completed at a regionally accredited four-year institution
- Completion of all foundations courses (or approved equivalents) with a C or better
 - ENG 101, 102, ACS 101, RA 101, QR 101
- Passing score on required early childhood Content Area Test (licensure only)
- Application for Graduation filed by the first day of the term in which you plan to graduate

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