EDUCATION - EARLY CHILDHOOD

ECC's early childhood education programs prepare students to work as child care workers or child care directors. The Associate of Applied Science degree in education/early childhood education is approved for the Gateways for Illinois Director Credential Level 1, Infant/Toddler Credential, and the ECE Credential Levels 2-4. This means the college is authorized to offer the courses approved by the Gateways to Opportunity within the education/early childhood education degree and to certify students who have met all requirements of the IDC Level 1, Infant/Toddler, and ECE Levels 2-4. The credential recognizes colleges that are operating at a high level of quality in all areas of knowledge and experience, while establishing a high standard of professionalism in the child care field.

Accreditation

The Early Childhood Education Program has the Illinois Director's Credential Level I, Infant/Toddler credential, and the ECE Credentials Level 2-4 through Gateways for Illinois.

Entrance Requirements

None

Program Requirements

Students must provide their own transportation to and from all field experience sites. Early childhood students must pass the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services fingerprinting and background check prior to enrolling in ECE 201 Field Experience I & Seminar.

Education - Early Childhood - Associate of Applied Science

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Education - Early Childhood - Vocational Specialist

Early Childhood Education Courses

Take each of the following: 18

- ECE 174 Child Growth and Development
- ECE 100 Health,Safety,Nutrition/Young Child
- ECE 220 Child, Family and Community
- ECE 102 Introduction to Early Childhood Ed
- ECE 124 Curriculum Planning/Young Child
- ECE 224 Exceptional Young Children

Communication Courses

Select two of the following: 6

- ENG 101 English Composition I
- ENG 102 English Composition II
- BUS 101 Business Communications
- BUS 142 Report Writing

Social/Behavioral Sciences Course

Select one of the following: 3

- PSY 100 Intro to Psychology
- SOC 100 Principles of Sociology
EDN 100 Introduction to Education (3) 3.0
This course will introduce the topic of education both as a professional pursuit, and as an institution. Students will study historical, social, and philosophical foundations of education, as well as organizational structure, school governance, legal and ethical issues. A minimum 15-hour clinical component is required for this class. (1.1) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: $396 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: Reading: Grade of C or better in RDG 091 or LTC 099, or satisfaction of other placement criteria. Writing: Grade of C or better in ENG 098 or LTC 099 or satisfaction of other placement criteria.+
Semester(s) Offered: Fall

EDN 105 Art in the Classroom (3) 3.0
Students will explore the practical applications for art and creative activities in both a specific and general elementary education curriculum. The course is designed to increase understanding of the child and his/her creative work at various stages of development. (1.1) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: $396 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: Reading: Grade of C or better in RDG 091 or LTC 099, or satisfaction of other placement criteria. Writing: Grade of C or better in ENG 098 or LTC 099 or satisfaction of other placement criteria.+
Semester(s) Offered: Fall

EDN 112 Technology in Education (3) 3.0
This course introduces students to the knowledge and skills required to demonstrate their proficiency in instructional technology. The course focuses on both knowledge and performance, and includes hands-on technology activities. Course is repeatable two times for total of 9 credits. Only three credit hours may apply toward a degree or certificate. (1.1) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: $416 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: Reading: Grade of C or better in RDG 091 or LTC 099, or satisfaction of other placement criteria. Writing: Grade of C or better in ENG 098 or LTC 099 or satisfaction of other placement criteria.+
Semester(s) Offered: Fall

EDN 128 Music for the Elementary Teacher (3) 3.0
Students learn various methodologies as well as musical concepts involving music literacy to adapt their knowledge to the classroom setting. The course explores basic music structures from different cultures with practical applications in the elementary school setting. (1.1) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: $396 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: Reading: Grade of C or better in RDG 091 or LTC 099, or satisfaction of other placement criteria. Writing: Grade of C or better in ENG 098 or LTC 099 or satisfaction of other placement criteria.+
Semester(s) Offered: Fall

EDN 201 Intro to Cross-Cultural Educ. (3) 3.0
This course is designed to increase the student’s awareness of other cultures, other perspectives, and his/her own involvement in the global community. The course will also concentrate on the study of effective teaching strategies and resources for multi-cultural teaching. (1.1) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: $396 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: Reading: Grade of C or better in RDG 091 or LTC 099, or satisfaction of other placement criteria. Writing: Grade of C or better in ENG 098 or LTC 099 or satisfaction of other placement criteria.+
Semester(s) Offered: Fall, Spring and Summer
EDN 204 Exceptional Individual (3) 3.0
A survey course that presents the historical, philosophical and legal foundations of special education, as well as an overview of the characteristics of individuals with disabilities, the programs that serve them under the Individuals with Disabilities Act, and the diversity of the populations of individuals with disabilities. A 30 hour clinical component is required for this course. (1.1) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available

Students enrolled may be required to complete a background check/fingerprinting process in order to participate in the clinical component of this class. Students will be responsible for any fee charged.

In-District Tuition/Fees: $396 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).

Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in EDN 100 or consent of instructor

Semester(s) Offered: Fall, Spring and Summer

EDN 211 Pre-Student Teaching Clinical Exper. (2) 1.2
Documented clinical experience involving observation of and interaction with children and practitioners at work, according to specified guidelines, within the appropriate subject matter and age category. The experience, comprising of a minimum of 30-50 hours, is planned, guided, and evaluated by both a college supervisor and a teacher on-site. The experience can occur in a variety of educational settings. (1.1) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available

Students enrolled in this course may be required to complete a background check/fingerprinting process. Students will be responsible for any fee charged.

In-District Tuition/Fees: $264 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).

Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in EDN 204 Recommended: Completion of PSY 211 prior to enrollment

Semester(s) Offered: Fall and Spring

EDN 215 Literacy in Education (3) 3.0
This course is an introduction to theory and practice in literacy and language development: speaking, listening, reading and writing. It examines theoretical framework and classroom application for diverse learners. This course provides an introduction to English Language Arts Common Core State Standards. This course is for anyone interested in becoming a teacher or working with children language and literacy. (1.1) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available

In-District Tuition/Fees: $396 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).

Prerequisite: EDN 100

Semester(s) Offered: Spring

EDN 233 Special Topics in Education (.5) .5.0
Designed to satisfy specific needs or interests of those in the education field. The topics will cover the life long learning that is necessary for educators and will reflect the rapidly changing skills and knowledge required to function in today’s education settings. The following guidelines are to be used in selecting topics: 1) adequate and available material on specific topic; 2) comprehensive outlines for each topic; and 3) course should be designed to meet the needs of those practicing in the field. Course is repeatable to two credits. (1.1) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: $66 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).

Prerequisite: None

Semester(s) Offered: Varies

EDN 234 Special Topics in Education (1) 1.0
Designed to satisfy specific needs or interests of those in the education field. The topics will cover the life long learning that is necessary for educators and will reflect the rapidly changing skills and knowledge required to function in today’s education settings. The following guidelines are to be used in selecting topics: 1) adequate and available material on specific topic; 2) comprehensive outlines for each topic; and 3) course should be designed to meet the needs of those practicing in the field. Course is repeatable to four credits. (1.1) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: $132 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).

Prerequisite: None

Semester(s) Offered: Varies

EDN 235 Special Topics in Education (2) 2.0
Designed to satisfy specific needs or interests of those in the education field. The topics will cover the life long learning that is necessary for educators and will reflect the rapidly changing skills and knowledge required to function in today’s education settings. The following guidelines are to be used in selecting topics: 1) adequate and available material on specific topic; 2) comprehensive outlines for each topic; and 3) course should be designed to meet the needs of those practicing in the field. Course is repeatable to eight credits. (1.1) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: $264 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).

Prerequisite: None

Semester(s) Offered: Varies

EDN 233 Special Topics in Education (3) 3.0
Designed to satisfy specific needs or interests of those in the education field. The topics will cover the life long learning that is necessary for educators and will reflect the rapidly changing skills and knowledge required to function in today’s education settings. The following guidelines are to be used in selecting topics: 1) adequate and available material on specific topic; 2) comprehensive outlines for each topic; and 3) course should be designed to meet the needs of those practicing in the field. Course is repeatable to 12 credits. (1.1) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: $396 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).

Prerequisite: None

Semester(s) Offered: Varies
EDN 237 Special Topics in Education (4)  4.0
Designed to satisfy specific needs or interests of those in the education field. The topics will cover the life long learning that is necessary for educators and will reflect the rapidly changing skills and knowledge required to function in today's education settings. The following guidelines are to be used in selecting topics: 1) adequate and available material on specific topic; 2) comprehensive outlines for each topic; and 3) course should be designed to meet the needs of those practicing in the field. Course is repeatable to 16 credits. (1.1) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $528 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: None
Semester(s) Offered: Varies

Education - Early Childhood Courses

All ECE courses numbered 100 and above may be applied to the major field and elective requirement for the Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees.

ECE 100 Health, Safety, Nutrition/Young Child (3)  3.0
This course provides an overview of the health, safety and nutritional needs of young children and early childhood practices to ensure the health and well-being of each child in a group setting. Content includes roles and responsibilities of adults in meeting children's diverse needs, the promotion of healthy life style practices, understanding common childhood illnesses and injuries, meeting health, nutrition and safety standards, and planning nutritious meals that are appropriate for each child. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $411 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: None
Semester(s) Offered: Fall and Spring

ECE 102 Introduction to Early Childhood Ed (3)  3.0
This survey course provides an overview of early childhood care and education including historical and cultural perspectives, organization, structure, programming, and evidence-based practices. Professional and evidence-based practices of highly-qualified early childhood educators are outlined with an emphasis on their ability to enhance development and learning of each and every child between the ages of birth and eight. Considerations for diversity of culture, language, race, socioeconomic status, gender, ethnicity, and ability will be included. Students will spend a minimum of 15 hours of observation in diverse early childhood settings. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $396 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: None
Semester(s) Offered: Fall and Spring

ECE 106 Experiential Learning in Ece (3)  0.15
This course is designed to promote growth and development as a professional in early childhood education. The student will create a project in consultation with the instructor that is related to their early childhood education study. Verification and reflection of learning will be assessed by the instructor. This course will be taught as an independent study. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available
Note: This is an elective course in the Early Childhood Education program.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $396 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: Consent of Instructor
Semester(s) Offered: Fall, Spring and Summer

ECE 114 Infant-Toddler Care (3)  3.0
The patterns of growth and development in the child from birth to 3 years will be studied. The specific needs of infants and toddlers in various child care settings will be examined, with current research being considered. Students will have the opportunity to develop skills in managing a safe environment while providing stimulating activities at appropriate levels. Experience in ECC's infant-toddler room is required. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $396 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: None
Semester(s) Offered: Fall

ECE 121 Math & Science for the Young Child (3)  3.0
Introduction to basic concepts in math and science for young children. Emphasis on the learning process as well as the acquisition of information. Examine methods of learning through explanation and discovery. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $411 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: None
Semester(s) Offered: Spring

ECE 124 Curriculum Planning/Young Child (3)  3.0
The principles involved in planning, implementing and evaluating developmentally appropriate, evidence-based curriculum for young children are studied. The course focuses on relationships among developmental theory, philosophy, practice, and development of curriculum based on the needs and interests of young children including those who are culturally, linguistically, and ability diverse. The analysis of a wide range of early childhood curriculum models is emphasized. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $411 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: None
Semester(s) Offered: Fall and Spring
ECE 150 Child Guidance Practices I (3)  3.0
Students will study the basic theory and practice for guiding toddlers? and children's behavior. The emphasis will be on helping students utilize preventive techniques to eliminate and minimize discipline situations. Positive methods in helping children develop positive self-concepts will be stressed. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $396 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: None
Semester(s) Offered: Varies

ECE 174 Child Growth and Development (3)  3.0
This course provides an overview of the theory and principles of human growth and development from conception through adolescence. Content includes an in-depth study of the interrelatedness of physical, cognitive, social and emotional aspects of development. Development is studied in the context of family, gender, culture, language, ability, socioeconomic diversity, and society. Special emphasis will be on the theories of Piaget, Vygotsky, Erikson, and Gardner. (1.2) IAI Major: ECE 912 Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available NOTE: Encompassing prenatal through age eight and may include pre-adolescents.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $396 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: None
Semester(s) Offered: Fall, Spring and Summer

ECE 201 Field Experience I & Seminar (3)  0.10
In-residence training is a supervised opportunity for the student to have first-hand experience in an institutional setting that meets his/her area of interest. In this setting, it is expected that the student will develop proficiency and display the skills required to perform adequately on-the-job. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available (2 IE) Pass/No Credit Not Available NOTE: One hundred fifty (150) hours of on-site work is required as well as weekly class sessions with instructor. Students should have a Grade of C or better in the last three ECE courses prior to taking this course.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $396 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor
Semester(s) Offered: Fall, Spring and Summer

ECE 202 Field Experience II & Seminar (3)  0.10
Training is a supervised opportunity for the student to have firsthand experience in an institutional setting that meets his/her area of interest. In this setting, it is expected that the student will develop proficiency and display the skills required to perform adequately on the job. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available (2 IE) Pass/No Credit Not Available NOTE: One hundred fifty (150) hours of field work is required for this second experience, as well as weekly class sessions with the instructor.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $396 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in ECE 201
Semester(s) Offered: Fall, Spring and Summer

ECE 205 Family, Community and the Child (3)  3.0
This course focuses on the diverse needs of the child within the context of family, school and community. The course will examine the interplay of diverse cultures, lifestyles, abilities, language and communication with the role of the early childhood environment and other community institutions. Students will gain an understanding of their professional role in supporting evidence-based practices that strengthen respectful, collaborative family/child partnerships through effective use of community and family resources. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $396 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: None
Semester(s) Offered: Fall and Spring

ECE 215 Child Care Administration (3)  3.0
This is an advanced level course designed to equip students with an understanding of issues and skills related to effective administration of day care facilities which care for young children. The student will learn basic organizational skills and management techniques which will enhance the student's understanding and ability in the area of administration. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $396 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: None
Semester(s) Offered: Spring

ECE 220 Child, Family and Community (3)  3.0
This course focuses on the diverse needs of the child within the context of family, school and community. The course will examine the interplay of diverse cultures, lifestyles, abilities, language and communication with the role of the early childhood environment and other community institutions. Students will gain an understanding of their professional role in supporting evidence-based practices that strengthen respectful, collaborative family/child partnerships through effective use of community and family resources. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $396 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: None
Semester(s) Offered: Fall and Spring

ECE 224 Exceptional Young Children (3)  3.0
Presents an overview of critical elements related to educating young children with disabilities in the early childhood setting. Topics include the following: normal/exceptional developmental differences, the effects of exceptional learning challenges, inclusive environments, legislation, partnerships with families, IFSP/IEP process, managing behaviors and understanding transitions to support inclusion. (1.1) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $396 (effective 2019/20 academic year)
In-district tuition is subject to change based on Board approval (https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/).
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in ECE 102
Semester(s) Offered: Fall