Early Childhood Education, BS

for the degree of Bachelor of Science Major in Early Childhood Education (on campus & online)

Curriculum Preparatory to Early Childhood School Teaching

This program prepares student candidates to teach birth to grade 2. A minimum of 120 semester hours of credit is necessary for graduation.¹

Students pursuing teacher licensure programs in the College of Education (COE) must meet requirements in a series of sequential gateways. Included in the gateway requirements are successful completion of specified coursework, achievement of appropriate grade point averages, requirements for clinical experiences, and appropriate tests for the licensure area. Meeting all Gateway requirements leads to degree and licensure completion.

In order to be recommended for licensure, candidates are required to maintain University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, cumulative, content area, and professional education grade point averages of 2.5 (A=4.0). Candidates in teaching licensure programs must maintain a C- or better in ALL content and professional education coursework. Candidates should consult their adviser or the Council on Teacher Education for the list of courses used to compute these grade point averages. For teacher education licensure requirements applicable to all curricula, see the Council on Teacher Education (http://www.cote.illinois.edu/).

Licensure requirements are subject to change without notice as a result of new mandates from the Illinois State Board of Education or the Illinois General Assembly.

This is a Gateways to Opportunity (http://www.ilgateways.com/) approved program.