ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN TEACHING – EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (AAT-ECT) DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The Associate of Arts in Teaching in Early Childhood Education provides students with the program equivalent of the first two years of most four-year college teacher education programs in early childhood education. Students should check individual school requirements before completing the curriculum as outlined. The degree consists of general education courses, professional education courses and courses in the early childhood education major area. These courses encompass the Illinois Professional Teaching Standards, the Core Technology Standards for all teachers, and the Core Language Arts Standards for all teachers. Students must also pass the Illinois Basic Skills Test to earn the AAT in Early Childhood Education and develop a portfolio reflecting the Illinois Professional Teaching Standards. AAT students are advised to complete the degree prior to transfer. Transfer students obtaining the AAT ECT Degree will be on "equal footing" with native four year institution students when seeking admission to an upper division ECE Degree program. Admission into the baccalaureate degree programs is competitive and most senior institutions require a GPA of 2.5 or higher; completion of these course alone does not guarantee admission.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (42 CREDITS)

A.COMMUNICATIONS ENG 101 Rhetoric I ENG 102 Rhetoric II SPE 101 Principles of Public Speaking	**9 Semester Hours**	
B.BEHAVIORAL/SOCIAL SCIENCES *Required course:* PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology **and** *Choose one course from:* GEG 105* World Regional Geography POL 201 United States National Government **and** *Choose one course from:* HIS 105 American History to 1865 HIS 106 American History from 1865	**9 Semester Hours**	
C.MATHEMATICS *Choose one course sequence:* MAT 102 General Education Mathematics MAT 141 Statistics **or** MAT 120 Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers I MAT 121 Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers II	**8 Semester Hours**	

* Students need to complete one course that incorporates cultural diversity. These courses are marked with an asterisk (*).

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN TEACHING - EARLY CHILDHOOD (AAT-ECT) DEGREE REQUIREMENTS (CONTINUED)	
D. SCIENCE *(Must include one laboratory course).* *Choose one course from Life Sciences:* BIO 100 Introducing Biology BIO 102 Introduction to Biology BIO 150 Heredity and Society BIO 160 Plants and Society BIO 202 Ecology of Man **and** *Choose one course from Physical Sciences:* PHS 101 Astronomy PHS 103 Physical Science I	**7 Semester Hours**

E. HUMANITIES
Required course:
HUM 150   Humanities Through the Arts
            and
Choose one course from:
ART 120   Art Appreciation
ART 125   Art History Survey I: Prehistoric to Gothic
ART 126   Art History Survey II: Renaissance and Baroque
ART 127   Art History Survey III: The Modern World
            and
Choose one course from:
MUS 100   Music Appreciation
MUS 105   Introduction to American Music
MUS 108*   World Music Survey
SPE 108   Theatre Experience
SPE 110   Introduction to Theatre
	9 Semester Hours

PROGRAM COURSE REQUIREMENTS (22 CREDITS)

EDU 100   Introduction to American Education
ECE 100   Early Childhood Growth and Development
ECE 101   Observation and Assessment of Children
ECE 105   Heath, Safety and Nutrition for Children
ECE 110   Introduction to Early Childhood Education
ECE 115   Family, School and Community
ECE 130   Educational Technology
ECE 160   Curriculum Planning for Children

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OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- All entering freshmen must earn at least a "C" in ENG 101 and ENG 102 for satisfactory completion of the IAI General Education Core Curriculum and for graduation from the College in all university transfer degrees (AA, AS, AFA, AAT-ECT).
- Students are required to complete all courses under Program Course Requirements with a grade of "C" or better.

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DEGREE REQUIREMENTS (CONTINUED)**

- Students must pass the Basic Skills Test before graduation (It is recommended that it be fulfilled prior to 45 semester hours being completed).
- Students must graduate with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5.
- Students are required to keep an electronic portfolio.
- Complete AAT-ECT application (obtained from the Office of Admissions and Records).

All students applying to the program must meet the following requirements:

- Eligibility for placement into ENG 101
- Eligibility for placement into MAT 102