

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

**EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSISTANT (ECS)
18 CREDIT CAREER CERTIFICATE**

This curriculum is designed to provide an early childhood caregiver with basic knowledge regarding child growth/development and developmentally appropriate programming.

FIRST SEMESTER			CREDIT HOURS
ECE	100	Early Childhood Growth and Development	3
ECE	101	Observation and Assessment of Children	3
ECE	105	Health, Safety, Nutrition for Children	3
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SECOND SEMESTER			
ECE	110	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
ECE	115	Family, School & Community.....	3
ECE	125	The Exceptional Child.....	3
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Overall Total 18

This Certificate will allow the student to apply for the Level II ECE Illinois Gateway Credential.

This credential fits into the State of Illinois early childhood career lattice system and the ExcelRate Illinois, creating a seamless framework for professional development and promoting access to varied career opportunities in the early childhood field. To earn this credential, students must follow a prescribed course of study. Students should contact the Early Childhood Education Coordinator for further information about this credential and the courses they need to take in order to earn the credentials in addition to their degree.