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CHILD & FAMILY STUDIES
Associate in Applied Science Degree

This program is designed for individuals who want to work directly with young children and their families in early care and education programs, human service organizations, or professional development services. The program provides both theoretical knowledge and practical skills.

THIS PROGRAM IS NOT FOR STUDENTS PLANNING TO BECOME REGULARLY CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS IN ILLINOIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS! Students interested in teaching in the elementary schools in Illinois should follow the Associate in Arts Degree in pre-elementary or pre-early childhood education. Consult an advisor for further information.

LICENSING INFORMATION: In Illinois, the **Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)** is responsible for setting standards and licensing child care centers, family child care, homes, group homes and day care agencies in the State of Illinois. According to the DCFS regulations, early childhood teachers must be at least 19 years old, have completed two years of college, or must have equivalent experience and credentials. The director, teachers, and all child care staff must have 15 hours of in-service training annually. All child care center staff are subject to background checks for any record of criminal conviction or child abuse and neglect. For more information, call DCFS Chicago Headquarters at (312) 814-6800 or visit the websites:

Department of Children and Family Services

www.state.il.us/dcfs

Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies

www.ilchildcare.org

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE (19 credits)

Area A: Communication (6 credits)

_____ ENG 101 3 cr Composition I - grade of C or better. (*Prereq. English Placement Test or ENG 099 with C or better*)
_____ COMM 101 3 cr Principles of Communications (*Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above*)

Area B: Humanities and Fine Arts (3 credits)

_____ _____ 3 cr Select one course from: ART 121, 122, 126, 129, 131; ENG 211, 212, 215, 221, 231, 232, 240, 243, 252, 256, 261, 262, 271; HUMAN 101, 102, 201, 202; MUSIC 130, 132; PHILO 201, 202, 203, 204, 205; SPAN 202; THTR 101.

Area C: Mathematics (3 credits)

_____ MATH 111* 3 cr Mathematics for Paraprofessionals (*Prereq. MATH 085 with C or better or placement into MATH 090*) [Cross-listed as EDU 111]

*Students who plan to continue studies beyond the AAS degree should substitute MATH 112 or 115 for MATH 111.

Area D: Physical and Life Sciences (4 credits)

_____ _____ 4 cr Select one laboratory science course from: ASTRO 104; BIOL 100, 106, 112; CHEM 105, 110; GEOLO 101; PHYSC 111, 112; PHYSI 101, 120, 210.

Area E: Social and Behavioral Science (3 credits)

_____ PSYCH 101 3 cr Introduction to Psychology (*Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above*)

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (42 credits)

NOTE: Previous Prairie State College coursework, for courses with prefixes of CD or EDUC, taken prior to 1997, cannot be used toward credit in this program. For further information, consult with the Transcript Evaluator in the Office of Admissions.

_____ ED 101 3 cr Child Growth and Development (*Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above*)
_____ ED 212 3 cr Exceptional Child (*Prereq. ED 101*)
_____ ECED 102 3 cr Observation & Guidance of Children (*Prereq. ED 101 or concurrent enrollment*)
_____ ECED 103 3 cr Health, Safety, and Nutrition (*Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above*)
_____ ECED 104 3 cr Introduction to Early Childhood Education (*Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above*)
_____ ECED 120 3 cr Child, Family & Community (*Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above*) [Cross-listed as EDU 120]
_____ ECED 130 3 cr Guidance and Classroom Management [Cross-listed as EDU 130]
_____ ECED 205 3 cr Language Arts for Children [Cross-listed as EDU 205]
_____ ECED 213 3 cr Multicultural Education [Cross-listed as EDU 213]
_____ ED 220 3 cr Children's Literature (*Prereq. ENG 101 with C or better*) [Cross-listed as ENG 220]
_____ ECED 299 3 cr Early Childhood Educ Internship (*Prereq. ED 101 & ECED 104 & instructor consent*)
_____ ELECTIVES 9 cr **Select THREE courses (9 credits) from the following courses:**
_____ ECED 105 3 cr Creative Activities for Children (*Prereq. Placement into ENG 099 or*

- above)
- ____ ECED 108 Science and Math for the Young Child (3)
 ____ ECED 110 Care and Education: Infants, Toddlers and 2-Year Olds (3)
 ____ ECED 214* Admin of Early Childhood Educ Centers (3) (*Prereq. Instructor consent*)

**Required for students who plan to obtain the Illinois Director Credential.*

PROGRAM TOTAL (61 credits)

- ____ Enrolled at PSC for **two semesters immediately preceding** graduation.
 ____ Successfully completed at least 15 semester hours of credit at PSC (excluding proficiency credits).
 ____ Attained a minimum gpa of 2.0 in all PSC courses. **Current cumulative GPA:** _____
 ____ Filed appropriate evidence of high school graduation or GED certificate with the Office of Enrollment Services.
 ____ Filed a **Graduation Petition Form** with the Office of Enrollment Services.

Deadline for filing: October 1 for Winter, March 1 for Spring, July 1 for Summer. (*December, May & August candidates may choose to participate in the annual May Commencement Ceremony. Deadline to apply for ceremony is March 1st.*)

	Required	Completed	In Progress	Needed
General Education Core:	19 credits	_____	_____	_____
Program Requirements:	42 credits	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL CREDITS:	61 credits	_____	_____	_____
Advised By: _____				Date: _____

SIGNATURE: Counselor or Advisor or Faculty Advisor

This is an UNOFFICIAL evaluation. Official Evaluations must be requested in the Office of Enrollment Services.

IMPORTANT PSC GRADUATION POLICIES

1. If the degree or certificate requirements are changed during your continuous attendance, you may elect to satisfy either the new requirements or the ones in force when you enrolled.
2. If you withdraw from Prairie State College for either a fall or spring semester, you must satisfy requirements in force at the time you re-enroll.
3. Requests for COURSE SUBSTITUTIONS in the program must be directed to the Program Coordinator. A Course Substitution Form must be signed by the Program Coordinator and submitted to the Office of Enrollment Services at least one semester prior to graduation.
4. Petitions for alteration of other graduation requirements must be submitted on a Student Appeal Form at least one semester prior to graduation.

DIVISION OF ARTS & SCIENCES

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CAREER PLANNING/PLACEMENT INFORMATION:

Department of Children and Family Services: www.state.il.us/dcf
 Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies: www.ilchildcare.org
Occupational Outlook Handbook, U.S. Department of Labor: <http://www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm>
 Employment opportunities: www.collegecentral.com/prairiestate