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2011-12
CHILD CARE ASSISTANT
Certificate

This program teaches the practical skills necessary to provide direct care to young children in day care and preschool centers, home day care sites, hospital child-life programs, and community-based centers. Students are prepared for employment as child care assistants, assistant teachers, and other entry-level positions in the child care field.

THIS PROGRAM IS NOT RECOMMENDED 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 programs in pre-teacher education or pre-early childhood education. Consult a counselor or 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 DCFS regulations, child care workers in Illinois must be at least 19 years of age and have a high school diploma or GED equivalency certificate. 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 website:

Department of Children and Family Services www.state.il.us/dcfs
 Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies www.ilchildcare.org

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (33 credits)

- _____ 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 115 3 cr Observation and Assessment of Young Children (*Prereq. ED 101*)
 - _____ ECED 299 3 cr Early Childhood Education Internship (*Prereq. ED 101 & ECED 104 & instructor consent*)
 - _____ ED 101 3 cr Child Growth and Development (*Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above*)
 - _____ ED 212 3 cr Exceptional Child (*Prereq. ED 101*)
 - _____ ENG 101 3 cr Composition I (*Prereq. ENG 099 with C or better or qualifying score on English Placement Test*)
 - _____ MATH 111* 3 cr Math for Paraprofessionals (*Prereq. MATH 085 with C or better or placement into MATH 090*) [**Cross-listed as EDU 111**]
- *(Students seeking a Level 2 credential should substitute MATH 112 or 115 for MATH 111).*
- _____ _____ 3 cr **Select ONE of the following methods courses:**
 ECED 105 (3) Creative Activities for Children (*Prereq. Placement into ENG 099 or above*)
 ECED 108 (3) Science and Math for the Young Child
 - _____ _____ 3 cr **Select ONE course from the following:**
 ECED 120 (3) Child, Family and Community [**Cross-listed as EDU 120**]
 ECED 213 (3) Multicultural Education (*Prereq. ED 101*) [**Cross-listed as EDU 213**]
 - _____ _____ 3 cr **Select ONE course from the following:**
 ECED 205 (3) Language Arts for Children [**Cross-listed as EDU 205**]
 ED 220 (3) Children's Literature (*Prereq. ENG 101 with C or better*) [**Cross-listed as ENG 220**]

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.

_____ Attained a minimum grade point average of 2.0 in the courses in this certificate program.

_____ **Current cumulative GPA:** _____

_____ Completed a minimum of one-half of the credit hours required as a student at PSC.

_____ 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*)

Credits Required: 33	Credits Completed: _____	Credits In Progress: _____	Credits Needed: _____
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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