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**2008-09**  
**EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER BASIC**  
**Certificate**

This program prepares students to meet basic requirements for day care teacher approval. DCFS requires two years of college credit in any area, including at least 6 credit hours in Early Childhood Education. Students completing this work are eligible for entry-level teaching in early childhood programs.

**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 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 day care centers, 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 day 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](http://www.state.il.us/dcfs)  
Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies [www.ilchildcare.org](http://www.ilchildcare.org)

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (6 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*)  
\_\_\_\_\_ ECED 104                3 cr    Introduction to Early Childhood Education (*Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above*)

Must also have an additional 54 college credits in any field. (Must be documented by submitting official college transcripts)

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\_\_\_\_\_ Attained a minimum grade point average of 2.0 in the courses identified in this certificate program.

**Current cumulative GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Enrolled at PSC during the regular semester **immediately preceding** the awarding of the certificate.

\_\_\_\_\_ Filed a **Graduation Petition Form** with the Office of Admissions and Records.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>.*)

<b>Credits</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b>Required: 6 (+54 additional credits) = 60 credits</b>	<b>Completed:</b> _____	<b>In Progress:</b> _____	<b>Needed:</b> _____

**Advised By:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*SIGNATURE: Counselor or Advisor or Faculty Advisor*

**This is an UNOFFICIAL evaluation. Official Evaluations must be requested in the Office of Admissions**

**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 Admissions and Records 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.
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**CAREER PLANNING/PLACEMENT INFORMATION:**

Department of Children and Family Services: [www.state.il.us/dcfs](http://www.state.il.us/dcfs)

Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies: [www.ilchildcare.org](http://www.ilchildcare.org)

Occupational Outlook Handbook, U.S. Department of Labor: <http://www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm>

Community College Connection to Jobs in Northern Illinois: [www.ccjobnet.com](http://www.ccjobnet.com)