

EDUCATIONAL STUDIES, BAE

The College of Education has five undergraduate programs: Early Childhood Education, Educational Studies, Elementary Education, Secondary Education and Special Education. The college also works jointly with the Chicago College of Performing Arts to deliver a program in Music Education. All of these programs, with the exception of Educational Studies, focus on teacher preparation.

The College of Education has a history of serving nontraditional as well as traditional undergraduate students, and schedules are designed to meet the needs of full-time as well as part-time students. All teacher preparation programs are offered at the Chicago campus and are a part of the New Deal Teacher Academy.

Undergraduate programs within the College of Education prepare students to transform schools and communities in the pursuit of knowledge and social justice. Through the continuous evaluation and refinement of academic programs and courses, offerings are kept current and relevant to real-world contexts and professional standards of quality. Experienced, dedicated and culturally diverse faculty work collaboratively with students to foster knowledge and skills with respect to diverse learners, instruction, assessment and research. Talent and resources from a variety of disciplines are integrated and used, as are cutting edge technologies. All programs require a variety of field and clinical experiences that augment and integrate academic studies.

The Educational Studies major prepares students for a variety of roles in child care agencies, schools, and community organizations. The curriculum develops core competencies with respect to child growth and development; health, safety, and well being; meeting the needs of diverse learners; and professional dispositions.

The Educational Studies major does not result in teacher licensure, but graduates of the Early Child Care and Education concentration can get jobs as teachers and teacher assistants in private pre-kindergarten settings and Head Start classrooms; as administrators of Early Childhood programs and as administrative staff in child advocacy organizations. Graduates of the Youth Development and Education concentration can get jobs as paraprofessionals in public and private schools, as teachers in after-school programs and as administrative staff in public and private agencies serving school-age and older children.

Requirements

Five core courses (15 credit hours) define the Educational Studies major, all of which are eligible for transfer credit. All courses in the major must be passed with grades of C or higher to earn the degree. A total of 45 credit hours are required in the major, and 120 credit hours for the degree. The general education courses required by the College of Arts and Sciences must be completed in order to earn this degree.

Core courses

EDUC 291	ISSUES IN METROPOLITAN EDUCATION	3
or EDUC 292	LANGUAGE & CULTURE IN EDUCATION	
EDUC 202	CHILD DEVELOPMENT, LEARNING, AND MOTIVATION	3
EDUC 203	HEALTH FOR EDUCATORS	3
EDUC 221	CREATIVE ARTS IN EDUCATION	3
SPED 219	EXCEPTIONAL CHILD & YOUTH	3

Concentration

Complete one of the following concentrations	30
Total Credit Hours	45

Concentrations

The Educational Studies major offers concentrations in Early Care and Education and Youth Development and Education.

Concentration in Youth Development and Education

Successful completion of the Youth Development and Education concentration entitles students to a paraprofessional educator endorsement on an Illinois Educator License with Stipulations. Individuals with this license and endorsement may provide instructional support in any school that includes programs supported by Title 1, Part A funds. No exams are required for this license and endorsement, but an application must be submitted to the State of Illinois.

ECHD 209	CHILD, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY	3
ECHD 310	ANTI-BIAS AND MULTICULTURAL CURRICULUM	3
ECHD 334	LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT	3
EDUC 311	ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT	3
EDUC 385	TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM	3
EDUC 313	FOUNDATIONS OF MIDDLE SCHOOL	3
READ 339	YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE	3
READ 368	FOUNDATIONS OF BILINGUAL & ESL EDUCATION	3
Select two of the following:		6
EDUC 352	TOPICAL WORKSHOP	
SOC 325	EDUCATION AND SOCIETY	
SOCJ 201	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDIES	
Total Credit Hours		30

Concentration in Early Care and Education

Successful completion of the Early Care and Education concentration entitles students to the Level 5 ECE Credential, a state recognized employment credential that signals substantial training, education, and experience with respect to children birth through age 8. No exams are required for this credential, but an application must be submitted to Gateways for Opportunity, a support system for Illinois early care and education professionals. The Level 5 Credential is not a teaching license, but may be used to obtain employment in child care settings.

ECHD 209	CHILD, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY	3
ECHD 310	ANTI-BIAS AND MULTICULTURAL CURRICULUM	3
ECHD 334	LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT	3
ECHD 336	LITERACY IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION: PRE-KINDERGARTEN	3
ECHD 338	EARLY CHILDHOOD CURRICULUM: INFANT, TODDLER, AND PRESCHOOL	3
ECHD 339	MATHEMATICS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION	3
ECHD 370	INFANT AND TODDLER: TEACHING AND LEARNING	3

ECHD 375	PRACTICUM: INFANT, TODDLER, AND PRESCHOOL	6
ECHD 380	CAPSTONE: ISSUES & ADVOCACY IN EARLY CHILDHOOD	3
Total Credit Hours		30

Your degree map is a general guide suggesting courses to complete each term on the academic pathway to your degree. It is based on the most current scheduling information from your academic program. Your program's degree map is reviewed annually and updated as schedules change (although you retain the same course requirements as long as you are continuously enrolled in your degree program).

Always work closely with your academic advisor to understand curriculum requirements and scheduling, as each student's academic plan can look slightly different.

Year 1

Fall	Credit Spring Hours	Credit Hours
ACP 101	3 ACP 110	3
ENG 101	3 ENG 102	3
MATH 115	3 MATH 105	3
POS 101	3 HIST 106 or 107 (Humanities #2)	3
Humanities #1	3 PHSC 101 or 103	3
15		15

Year 2

Fall	Credit Spring Hours	Credit Hours
ACP 250	3 EDUC 202	3
BIOL 111 or 112	4 EDUC 203	3
ART 101 (Humanities #3)	3 SPED 219	3
Social Science # 1	3 LIBS 201	3
Social Science # 2	3 READ 373 or 374	3
16		15

Year 3

Fall	Credit Spring Hours	Credit Summer Hours	Credit Hours
ECHD 209	3 ECHD 334	3 READ 358	3
ECHD 310	3 ECHD 336	3 READ 376	3
ECHD 338	3 ECHD 370	3	
LIBS 201	3 READ 373 or 374	3	
EDUC 221	3 ECHD 305	3	
15		15	6

Year 4

Fall	Credit Spring Hours	Credit Hours
ECHD 339	3 ECHD 375	6
ECHD 382	3 ECHD 380	3
READ 368	3 Non-Western Studies Course ⁴	3
READ 375	3	
12		12

Total Credit Hours 121

- ¹ Or course towards an optional Minor.
- ² Any course at the 200 level within the discipline.
- ³ Any course at the 300 level within the discipline.
- ⁴ This requirement can be fulfilled by other requirements.
- ⁵ One Natural Science course must have a lab.