(F16) Certificate

This program aligns to the Gateways ECE Level 3 requirements which include completion of a high school diploma or GED to be credentialed.

The Early Childhood Education certificate program will assist individuals in securing the education and credentials needed to obtain employment in child care facilities and/or schools. This certificate allows individuals to obtain greater proficiency in the areas of study required in the field of Early Childhood Education.

Credential Program Description

Students enrolled in Early Childhood programs at Sauk Valley Community College will be eligible to complete credentials through Gateways to Opportunities state professional development system for ECE levels 2, 3 and 4. Benefits of this credentialing process increase a student's employability through ACCESS Illinois and makes students eligible for scholarship opportunities and wage differentials.

Work and Employment

The early childhood education program is designed to educate professionals for a diverse and challenging field. Employment opportunities for graduates of the early childhood education program are very positive, whether pursuing a career in a group day care, preschool settings, or in family care. Click here for further career information: https://www.svcc.edu/academics/programs/individual/f16.html

Criminal History Check Policy

Illinois law requires licensed early childhood programs to conduct a criminal background investigation on applicants for employment. Employment of individuals who have been convicted of committing or attempting to commit offenses that may put children in harm's way is prohibited. Laws vary according to the agency and their licensing body.

Students who perform classroom observations through coursework at Sauk Valley Community College may be required by the selected school/site to undergo a criminal background check prior to placement. Students may be denied at any observation site based on the results of that check.

Students who feel their criminal background may exclude them from observation or employment should seek counseling with SVCC faculty or advising staff early in their program to determine how it may affect their participation and eligibility.

Program Contacts at Sauk Valley Community College
Academic Advising, 815/835-6354;
Janis Jones, Assistant Professor of Education, 815/835-6410.

Major Field Requirements

- ECE 114 - Child Care and Development 3 Semester hour(s)
- ECE 115 - Principles of Early Childhood Education 3 Semester hour(s)
- ECE 118 - Parent-Teacher-Child-Community Relations 3 Semester hour(s)
- ECE 207 - Mathematics for the Young Child 3 Semester hour(s)
- OR
- MAT 106 - Applied Mathematics 3 Semester hour(s) **OR HIGHER**
- ECE 228 - Child Health, Nutrition and Safety 3 Semester hour(s)
- ECE 240 - Observation and Assessment of Young Children 3 Semester hour(s)
- ECE 275 - Curriculum Development for the Early Childhood Classroom 3 Semester hour(s)
- PED 220 - Rhythms and Games for Children 2 Semester hour(s)

General Education Requirements

- Communications (ENG 101 Required) 3 Semester hour(s)

- Social and Behavioral Sciences (PSY 103 Required) 3 Semester hour(s)

Total Hours Required for Certificate: 29

First Semester - Sem/Hrs: 14

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Second Semester - Sem/Hrs: 15

- MAT 106 - Applied Mathematics 3 Semester hour(s) **OR HIGHER**
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- ECE 207 - Mathematics for the Young Child 3 Semester hour(s)
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- ECE 275 - Curriculum Development for the Early Childhood Classroom 3 Semester hour(s)
- ENG 101 - Composition I 3 Semester hour(s)
- PSY 103 - Introduction to Psychology 3 Semester hour(s)

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