

Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity Act (ECACE) program  
**University of Illinois Urbana Champaign**  
**online Early Childhood Professional Education Program**

The information below was provided by UIUC on 9/13/2022.

Institution Name:           **University of Illinois Urbana Champaign**

Degree Name:               **Early Childhood B.S.**

Does the degree lead to a Professional Educator License (PEL)?           **Yes**

**We have offer two pathways within the online degree program: licensure (Professional Educator License - PEL) and non-licensure. Most coursework is the same for both pathways.**

Additional credentials that can be attained by completing the bachelor degree:

**Gateways to Opportunity Level 5 ECE Credential**

**If PEL pathway – Early Childhood Special Education Letter of Approval**

**IL PEL with endorsement in Early Childhood**

Total credits required to earn the bachelor degree:           **120**

**60 credits beyond the associate degree, 60 credits must be earned at University of Illinois Urbana Champaign.**

Can the bachelor degree be completed 100% online? If not, please note any exceptions.

**Yes, with the exception of fieldwork. Synchronous online courses are offered one evening a week.**

Is there an option to complete the bachelor degree in person on your campus?

**Yes, however this may require more than 60 credits as it is a standard transfer program based on full 4-year degree requirements. The online program meets the full ECACE requirement to accept the associate degree for the full 60 credits.**

If attending full-time, how many semesters are needed to complete the bachelor degree?

**Seven part-time semesters including summers. The online program is only offered in a part-time, cohort format.**

Is part-time attendance possible?           **Yes, part-time is the only option for the online program.**

Which semester(s) can the bachelor program be started?           **Fall and Spring**

How are courses offered (i.e. full-term, 8-week sessions, summer options, etc.)?

**The online program is a cohort. Students take 3 courses a term with their cohort (2 courses in summer). 2 of the 3 courses are as 8-week synchronous courses offered by Zoom. The third course is an asynchronous 16-week course.**

Please respond Yes or No to the following. Additional comments may be offered.

	Yes or No
Will junior level status in an early childhood be granted?	In the online program – yes, with a completed associate degree in early childhood. In the on-campus program junior level status will depend on prior credits earned and course-by-course evaluation.
Will all courses completed successfully in the AAS degree program be counted toward bachelor degree completion?	Yes in the online program, courses completed with a C or better.
For students who successfully complete BHC’s AAS degree, will the university require courses to be repeated in order for them to be counted toward the bachelor degree?	No 100- or 200-level courses will be required to be repeated. Some coursework will be offered at 300/400 level extending the 100/200 level coursework.
For students entering the university with the BHC AAS, they will only be required to take the same total number of credits taken by the program’s native students? (This includes any courses in which credit for prior learning was used to determine course equivalency and credit was awarded by the evaluating institution.) <i>Additional coursework may be required if a student is seeking to add one or more endorsements to the student's Illinois Professional Educator License.</i>	For the online program, yes.

**Additional Note: We also require applicants to have earned, or be eligible for, the Gateways Level 4 ECE credential for admission to the online Early Childhood Professional Education program**

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<https://education.illinois.edu/programs/undergrad/programs-degrees/early-childhood-professional-education>