

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION MAJOR

Transfer Plan for: Southwestern Community College

Iowa State University 2025-26 Catalog

Administered by the Department of Human Development and Family Studies

The Early Childhood Education (ECE) curriculum leads to recommendation for a state of Iowa teaching license that will allow you to teach children from birth through third grade, in both general and special education, and to work with families of young children.

Students interested in the **non-licensure early childhood career options should follow the Child Development and Guidance option within the Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS) major, or Early Childcare Education and Programming (ECP).*

HOW TO READ THIS TRANSFER PLAN

This guide is designed for students to see how courses taken at a community college will transfer to Iowa State and within the Early Childhood Education-Unified major. On the left side, the “Iowa State University Course” is listed and on the right side, the exact match (course equivalent) is shown. If the right side says “Complete at ISU”, the student will need to complete the course at Iowa State University; if the right side says “See list of options on following page”, the student will need to choose from the options listed for that category of courses on pages 3 and 4.

This transfer plan has 2 parts

1. General Education courses for the ECE major. (Note: an AA/AS degree does not satisfy this requirement. Iowa State will review each course.)
2. Required Classes for the ECE Major

**2 years of high school foreign language or 2 semesters of college foreign language is required for the ECE program. Students may choose to complete this requirement in high school, or may complete it at any point during their college experience, prior to student teaching.*

TRANSFER PLAN NOTES

- Maximum of 65 credits can be transferred to Iowa State University from a community college(s).
- Undergraduates who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 at the beginning of their final term are eligible to graduate “with distinction” provided they have completed 60 semester credits of coursework at Iowa State University at the time they graduate, including a minimum of 50 graded credits.

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This 2025-26 transfer plan is based on the 2024-25 course catalog at SWCC. Students should confirm course equivalencies using the Course Equivalency Guides once updated.

Transfer Planning Sheet

Early Childhood Education (ECE)

Department of Human Development & Family Studies

Prepared for Southwestern Community College student transferring to Iowa State University
Based upon the 2025 – 2026 ISU Academic Catalog (122.5 Credits Minimum)

ISU Courses

SWCC Equivalents

I. GENERAL EDUCATION 39 total credits		
A. International Perspective and U.S. Diversity		
	Int'l Perspective (3)	REL 101 ***
	U.S. Cultures & Communities (3)	EDU 235

B. Communications 10 credits		
	ENGL 1500 (3)	ENG 105 <i>Min grade of C</i>
	ENGL 2500 (3)	ENG 106 <i>Min grade of C</i>
	Communication Option (3)**	See list of options on following page
	LIB 1600 (1)	Complete at ISU

C. Foreign Language Requirement		
	2 Years of High School Language	OR
	1 full year of college foreign language	

D. Social Sciences 9 credits		
	HIST 2210 <i>OR</i> HIST 2220 <i>OR</i> POLS 1110 (3)	HIS 151 <i>OR</i> HIS 152 <i>OR</i> POL 111
	HDFS 1020 (3)	PSY 121 <i>Min grade of C</i>
	Social Science Option (3)**	See list of options on following page

E. Humanities 6 credits		
	Humanities option (3)**	See list of options on following page
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F. Biological Science, Physical Science, Math & Health 14 credits		
	Biological Science option (3)**	See list of options on following page
	Physical Science option (3)**	See list of options on following page
	MATH 1950 (3)	MAT 117 <i>Min grade of C-</i>
	MATH 1960 (3)	Complete at ISU
	HS 1050 (2)	PEH 141 <i>OR</i> 142

NOTES:

*Requires full admission to the Educator Preparation Program

**See approved courses for ECE program on the following pages

*** REL 101 fulfills Int'l Perspective and Humanities category. There are other courses that fulfill Int'l Perspectives; you can check with Iowa State ECE advisor if you have questions.

- LIT 105 fulfills Professional Core and U.S Cultures & Communities category
- To be admitted to the Ed. Prep Program at Iowa State students must maintain a 2.5 Cumulative GPA, pass a federal & state background check and an application of admission to the Ed. Prep. Program successfully processed.

ISU Courses

SWCC Equivalents

II. PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION 83.5 total credits		
A. Orientation Courses & Initial Field Experience 7 credits		
	HDFS 1110 (1)	Complete at ISU
	HDFS 2080 (2)	ECE 103 <i>Min grade of C</i>
	HDFS 2240 (3)	ECE 170 <i>Min grade of C</i>
	HDFS 2240L (1)	Complete at ISU

B. Professional Education CORE 15 credits		
<i>Min grade of "C" required for ALL courses listed</i>		
	EDUC 2010 (3)	EDU 255
	EDUC 2050/2040 (3)	EDU 210 <i>OR</i> 213
	SPED 2500/HDFS 2350X (3)	EDU 245
	EDUC 3320/3330 (3)	EDU 240
	EDUC 4050 (3)*	Complete at ISU

C. Preprimary Education 24 credits		
<i>Min grade of "C" required for ALL courses listed</i>		
	HDFS 2400 (3)	EDU 235
	HDFS 3400 (4)*	Complete at ISU
	HDFS 3420 (3)	Complete at ISU
	HDFS 3430 (4)*	Complete at ISU
	HDFS 3450 (3)	Complete at ISU
	HDFS 4550 (4)	Complete at ISU
	HDFS 4560 (3)	Complete at ISU

D. Primary Inclusive 21 credits		
<i>Min grade of "C" required for ALL courses listed</i>		
	EDUC 2450 (3)	Complete at ISU
	EDUC 3770 (4)	Complete at ISU
	EDUC 4380 (2)*	Complete at ISU
	EDUC 4680F (1)*	Complete at ISU
	EDUC 4680G (1)*	Complete at ISU
	EDUC 4330 (2)	Complete at ISU
	EDUC 4390 (2)	Complete at ISU
	EDUC 4680I (1)*	Complete at ISU
	SPED 4050 (4)	Complete at ISU
	SPED 4580 (1)*	Complete at ISU

E. Student Teaching 16.5 credits		
<i>Min grade of "C" required for ALL courses listed</i>		
	EDUC 4160A (8)* Elem (K-3)	Complete at ISU
	HDFS 4170 (8)* ECE (SPED)	Complete at ISU
	HDFS 4180 (.5)*	Complete at ISU

**Approved Courses for ECE Program

Use these charts to choose classes to fulfill your **communications** option, **social sciences** option, **biological sciences** option, **physical sciences** option, and **humanities** options. *The courses on the right represent some of the options students can transfer in to meet the following requirements for ECE. If the course you wish to take is not on the list, please contact an Iowa State Advisor to confirm the course will satisfy the requirement.*

COMMUNICATIONS OPTIONS								
ISU Courses					SWCC Equivalents			
Choose one from the following options								
	SPCM	2120	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3	SPC	101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication	3
						OR 112	Public Speaking	3

SOCIAL SCIENCES OPTIONS								
	ISU Courses				SWCC Equivalents			
Choose <u>one</u> from the following options								
	ANTHR	2010	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3	ANT	105	Cultural Anthropology	3
	ECON	1010	Principles of Microeconomics	3	ECN	130	Principles of Microeconomics	3
	ECON	1020	Principles of Macroeconomics	3	ECN	120	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
	HDFS	2760	Human Sexuality	3	PSY	261	Human Sexuality	3
	PYSCH	1010	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY	111	Introduction to Psychology	3
	PSYCH	2800	Social Psychology	3	PSY	251	Social Psychology	3
	SOC	1340	Introduction to Sociology	3	SOC	110	Introduction to Sociology	3
	SOC	2350	Social Problems and American Values	3	SOC	115	Social Problems	3
	SOC	2190	Families and Intimate Relationships	3	SOC	120	Marriage and Family	3

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES OPTIONS								
	ISU Courses				SWCC Equivalents			
Choose one from the following courses								
	BIOL	1010	Introductory Biology	3	BIO	105	Introductory Biology with Lab	4
	BIOL	1550	Human Biology	3	BIO	157	Human Biology	4
						OR 162	Essentials Anatomy and Physiology	3
						OR 163	Essentials of Anatomy and Physiology with Lab	4
	BIOL	1730	Environmental Biology	3	ENV	111	Environmental Science (w/Lab)	4
	BIOL	2110	Principles of Biology	3	BIO	114	General Biology IA (w Lab)	4
						AND 115	General Biology IIA (w Lab)	4
						OR 112	General Biology I	4
						AND 113	General Biology II	4
	BIOL	2550	Fundamentals of Human Anatomy	3	BIO	168	Human Anatomy and Physiology I (w/Lab)	4
						AND 173	Human Anatomy and Physiology II (w/Lab)	4

Continue to next page to see Physical Science options and Humanities options.

PHYSICAL SCIENCES OPTIONS								
	ISU Courses				SWCC Equivalents			
Choose <u>one</u> from the following courses								
	ASTRO	1200	The Sky and the Solar System	3	PHS	152	Astronomy	4
	CHEM	1600	Chemistry in Modern Society	3	CHM	112	Introduction to Chemistry (w/lab)	3
	CHEM	1630 AND 1630L	College Chemistry	4	CHM	122	Introduction to General Chemistry w/Lab	4
	MTEOR	2060	Introduction to Weather and Climate	3	PHS	166	Meteorology, Weather, and Climate	4

HUMANITIES OPTIONS								
	ISU Courses				SWCC Equivalents			
Choose two from the following courses								
	ARTH	2800	History of Art I	3	ART	203	Art History I	3
	ARTH	2810	History of Art II	3	ART	204	Art History II	3
	HIST	2010	Introduction to Western Civilization I	3	HIS	110	Western Civilization: Ancient to Early Modern	3
	HIST	2020	Introduction to Western Civilization II	3	HIS	111	Western Civilization: Early Modern to Present	3
	ENGL	2010	Introduction to Literature	3	LIT	101	Introduction to Literature	3
	ENGL	2270	Survey of American Literature to 1865	3	LIT	110	American Literature to Mid 1800's	3
	ENGL	2280	Survey of American Literature since 1865	3	LIT	111	American Literature Since Mid 1800's	3
	ENGL	2250	Survey of British Literature to 1800	3	LIT	140	British Literature I	3
	ENGL	2260	Survey of British Literature since 1800	3	LIT	141	British Literature II	3
	MUSIC	1020	Introduction to Music Listening	3	MUS	100	Music Appreciation	3
	PHIL	2010	Introduction to Philosophy	3	PHI	101	Introduction to Philosophy	3
	PHIL	2300	Moral Theory and Practice	3	PHI	105	Introduction to Ethics	3
	RELIG	2050	World Religions	3	REL	101	Survey of World Religions	3
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