

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO

Early Childhood Special Education Approval

Early Childhood Special Education is a field growing by leaps and bounds. Research has demonstrated its effectiveness and programs are blossoming. At the University of Illinois at Chicago, the Department of Special Education offers an opportunity for *certified* teachers who hold an Illinois Early Childhood (Type 04) certificate or an Illinois Learning Behavior Specialist I (LBS I) certificate to earn an Early Childhood Special Education Approval.

This approval qualifies teachers with a Type 04 certificate to teach children with disabilities from birth through 5 years of age and qualifies teachers with an LBS I certificate to teach children with special needs ages 3 through 5.



Program Coursework

The program consists of four courses:

Course No.	Course Name:	Semester Offered:
SpEd/Epsy 466	Language Development, Diversity, & Disabilities	Fall, Spring
SpEd 506	Characteristics & Assessment of Young Children with Disabilities	Fall
SpEd 508	Methods of Instruction and Assessment with Young Children with Disabilities	Fall, Spring
SpEd/Epsy 582	Forging Collaborations w/Families and Community	Summer, Fall

You can enroll in these courses through the Office of Continuing Education at UIC. To enroll, please visit: <http://www.oce.uic.edu>.

For information about other exciting programs of study at UIC, go to:

- Master's level Early Childhood Special Education blended program _ <http://education.uic.edu/ece-med/>
- M.Ed. in Special Education with certification <http://education.uic.edu/sped-med/>

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