## Model Programs of Study Guide: Education

### ORIENTATION / INTRODUCTION
Grades 9–10

- Foundations to Teaching
- **Team-Based Challenge**
- Career Development Experience
- Youth Apprenticeship

### SKILL DEVELOPMENT
Grades 10–12

- **Intro to Education**
- AAS Educational Methodology
- Health Safety and Nutrition
- Course(s) aligned with a Gateways ECE Level 2 Credential

### CAPSTONE / ADVANCED
Grade 12

- **Intro to Education**
- AAS Educational Methodology
- Health Safety and Nutrition
- Course(s) aligned with a Gateways ECE Level 2 Credential

### POSTSECONDARY COURSES
Recommended 1st Year

- **Child Growth and Development**
  - The Exceptional Child
  - Educational Psychology
- Continue Early Childhood Education AA or AAS Course Sequence Aligned with Gateways ECE Credentials

### POSTSECONDARY OPTIONS

#### GUIDED TRANSFER IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

- K-12 Teaching
  - Elementary, Secondary, or Special Education AA
  - Bachelor of Elementary, Secondary, or Special Education

#### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

- Early Childhood Education (Birth through 2nd Grade)
  - Early Childhood Education AA (Gateways ECE Credential Level 3)
  - Bachelor of Early Childhood Education (Gateways ECE Credential Level 5)

### SELECTED OCCUPATIONS, WAGES, & JOB GROWTH

#### Program
- **AAS Early Childhood Education**
  - Preschool and Childcare Center/Program Teachers, Except Special Education
- **Paraprofessional or Teaching Assistant**
  - Teacher Assistants
- **AA Elementary Education**
  - Elementary School Teachers
- **AA Secondary Education**
  - Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education
- **AA Special Education**
  - Special Education Teachers, Kindergarten and Elementary School

#### Typical Jobs
- Preschool and Childcare Center/Program Teachers, Except Special Education
- Teacher Assistants
- Elementary School Teachers
- Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education
- Special Education Teachers, Kindergarten and Elementary School

#### Median Annual Wage
- $26,720
- $55,830
- $65,250
- $68,610
- $68,130

#### Growth in IL:
- Over 10 years
- Median Annual Wage
- % Change Over 10 years

#### Stackable?
- Typically Stacks to Bachelor’s Program
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1. Living-wage calculations are based on: Glasmeier, Amy K. Living Wage Calculator. 2020. Massachusetts Institute of Technology: livingwage.mit.edu. As of January 2021 for the state of Illinois, the “Living Wage” for 1 Adult + 1 Child equaled $26.27/hour and “near,” defined as 85% of that statewide living wage, was $22.33/hour. In March of 2021, the Living Wage calculator updated its calculations for Illinois, but information presented in this guide reflects the wage levels as of January 2021, when the project team conducted its analysis.

2. U.S. Department of Labor, CareerOneStop (careeronestop.org/explorecareers), Illinois Department of Employment Security Virtual Labor Market Information (ides.illinois.gov), Illinois calculator updated its calculations for Illinois, but information presented in this guide reflects the wage levels as of January 2021, when the project team conducted its analysis.

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If courses in this column were accomplished through early college credit, students should take the next required course in the sequence or, in some additional AAS or Major Courses.