## Model Programs of Study Guide: Education

### ORIENTATION / INTRODUCTION
**Grades 9–10**
- Foundations to Teaching
- Introduction to Education

### SKILL DEVELOPMENT
**Grades 10–12**
- Human Growth & Development
- Child Growth & Development

### CAPSTONE / ADVANCED
**Grades 12**
- Diversity in Education
- Foreign Language Seal of Biliteracy

### POSTSECONDARY COURSES
**Recommended 1st Year**
- Child Growth and Development
- The Exceptional Child
- Educational Psychology
- Technology in Education

### WORK-BASED LEARNING
- Science Sequence
- Social Science Sequence
- Algebra
- Geometry
- English Sequence

### CAREER FOCUSED COURSES
- Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- General Education Statistics

### CAREER PATHWAYS
1. **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**
   - Paraprofessional or Teaching Assistant
   - Associate of Arts (Elementary, Early Childhood, Secondary, or Special Education)

2. **GUIDED TRANSFER**
   - PreK-12 Teaching
   - Bachelor’s (Elementary, Early Childhood, Secondary, or Special Education)

### POSTSECONDARY OPTIONS
- Early Childhood Education AAS / Gateways ECE Credential Level 4
- Bachelor’s Early Childhood Education AAS / Gateways ECE Credential Level 5

### SELECTED OCCUPATIONS, WAGES, & JOB GROWTH

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<tr>
<th>Program</th>
<th>Typical Job</th>
<th>Near or Above Living Wage Threshold for 1 Adult + 1 Child</th>
<th>Median Annual Wage</th>
<th>Growth in Illinois: Annual Job Openings</th>
<th>Growth in Illinois: % Change Over 10 years</th>
<th>Stackable?</th>
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<td>AAS Early Childhood Education</td>
<td>Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education</td>
<td>N</td>
<td>$22,720</td>
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<td>Teacher Assistants</td>
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<td>$86,390</td>
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1. Living wage calculations are based on MIT’s Living Calculator (https://livingwage.mit.edu/), where the “Living Wage” for 1 Adult + 1 Child is $26.27/hour for the state of Illinois. ‘Near’ defined as 85% of the statewide living wage, which is $22.33/hour

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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, if none, additional AAS or Major Courses.

### SKILL DEVELOPMENT
- English Sequence
- English Composition
- Oral Communication

### CAPSTONE / ADVANCED
- Transitional English
- English Composition

### POSTSECONDARY COURSES
- College and Career Pathway Endorsement Earned
- Postsecondary Course Affiliated with IAI Code
- Dual Credit Course Preparses for Industry Credential
- AP or Dual Credit