**Model Programs of Study Guide:**

**Education**

**WORK-BASED LEARNING**

Grades 9–10

- Foundations to Teaching
- Career Exploration (2)
  - Team-Based Challenge
  - Educators Rising

Grades 10–12

- Career Development Experience
  - Career Development Experience or Youth Apprenticeship
- Team-Based Challenge
  - Career Development Experience or Apprenticeship

**CAPSTONE / ADVANCED**

Grades 12

- Diversity in Education
  - or Education Workplace Experience
- Human Growth & Development
  - Child Growth & Development

**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
  - Bachelor of Elementary, Secondary, or Special Education AA

**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 IL: % Change Over 10 years</th>
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<td>AAS Early Childhood Education</td>
<td>Preschool and Childcare Center/Program Teachers, Except Special Education</td>
<td>N</td>
<td>$29,720</td>
<td>2,230</td>
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<td>Education Administrators, Preschool and Childcare Center/Program</td>
<td>Y</td>
<td>$35,830</td>
<td>210</td>
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1. Living-wage calculations are based on Glassmer, 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 equal to $20.27/hour and “near” defined as 88% of that statewide living wage, was $17.33/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.