

FINANCIAL AID

The college tries to assist individuals who demonstrate financial need, and in most cases, financial aid is available. The college has been approved as a participating institution for grants made by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission and also is approved for federal student aid programs, including veterans benefits. Locally endowed scholarships are available to full-time students through the RLC Foundation.



JOB PLACEMENT

Rend Lake College provides placement services for graduates in an effort to assist them in finding employment. The college's Center for Business Services includes an Employment Services program, which offers employers a pleasant, flexible alternative to more rigid and structured placement agencies. Many employers contact Employment Services to inform the college of full-time, part-time, temporary and seasonal openings. Graduates and current students can contact the Center for Business Services about positions available in their fields of study.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD
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ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED
SCIENCE DEGREE

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Opportunities are available for those interested in the growing field of working with young children. Rend Lake College provides a two-year pathway to reach your goal: the Associate in Applied Science Degree.



The Associate in Applied Science Degree in Early Childhood Education is designed for those wanting direct entry into the workforce. The curriculum provides students with the background in early childhood and general studies necessary for a career in early childhood education. Graduates will be prepared for positions as family child care providers, teachers and directors in child care centers, family group homes, Head Start programs, and after-school programs. The degree also prepares students for teacher's aides positions in public school classrooms and in special education programs. Additionally, this degree meets the requirements for Gateways to Opportunities Early Childhood Credential Level 4.



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Associate in Applied Science Degree

► **Total = 64 Hours**

All students in the program must go through a background check as required by Dept. of Children and Family Services. Additionally, a physical exam proving the student is free of communicable diseases, including tuberculosis, and physical or mental conditions which could affect his or her ability to perform assigned duties is required. All bolded core ECE courses in this program should be taken prior to enrolling in additional ECE courses.

First Semester		Cr. Hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECE 1201 Child Development	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECE 1202 Intro to Early Childhood Education	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECE 1204 Creative Arts for Young Children	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECE 1207 Language Arts for Young Children	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGL 1101 Rhetoric and Composition I ¹	<u>3</u>
		15
Second Semester		
<input type="checkbox"/>	ART 1101 Art Appreciation ¹	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECE 1205 Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECE 1206 Curriculum for Young Children	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECE 1208 Family / Community / Staff Relations	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECE 1210 Child Study and Observation	<u>3</u>
		15
Third Semester		
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECE 1209 Curriculum Lab	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECE 2205 Programming / Teaching School-Age	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECE 2206 Program. / Teach. Infants and Toddlers I	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECE 2207 Child Guidance	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECE 2208 Teaching the Child with Disabilities	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	MATH 1107 Contemporary College Math ¹	<u>3</u>
	MATH 1202 or Business Math ¹	18
		18
Fourth Semester		
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM 1101 Principles of Effective Speaking	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	CSCI 1102 Intro to Computers w/Bus. Applications	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECE 2202 Center-Based Child Care Management	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECE 2203 Science and Math for Young Children	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECE 2209 Practicum	<u>4</u>
		16
RECOMMENDED ELECTIVE		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PSYC 2101 Intro to Psychology ¹	3

¹ Prerequisite course(s) may be required based on results of test scores.

PRACTICAL TRAINING

Students in the Early Childhood Education program receive practical training in the on-campus RLC Foundation Children's Center. Students learn from interaction with infants, toddlers, preschool and school-age children. Classes cover specific competencies and provide training in:

- Emerging Curriculum
- Reggio Emilia Project Approach
- Learning Centers
- Computers with Children
- Naturalistic Observation
- Critical Thinking Development for Young Children

The RLC Foundation Children's Center is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. This honor has become a widely recognized sign of high quality in early childhood education programs. The RLCF Children's Center is regarded as one of the best in Southern Illinois and the nation, so practical training here provides a tremendous value.



ALSO OFFERED:

**Director's Credential • Infant / Toddler Credential • Early Childhood Assistant
Early Childhood Certificate – Level Two • Early Childhood Certificate – Level Three**