



Early Childhood Education A.A. Degree

This program provides a comprehensive foundation for in-depth early childhood teacher preparation through strong general education and principles and practices in child development and early childhood curriculum and pedagogy. Topics include an introduction to the profession, observation techniques, age-appropriate curriculum, the child in the context of family and culture, and health and safety practices for early childhood educators.

Total Units: 62-63

First Year

Semester 1

15-16 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
ECE 300 ^Z Introduction to Principles and Practices in Early Childhood Education	3		F(O), S(O)	
ECE 312 ^Z Child Development	3	Advisory: EMGWR 101 or 103 or ESLL 320, ESLR 320, & ESLW 320	F(O), S(O), Su(O)	CRC Area III(b)
ECE 314 ^Z The Child, the Family and the Community	3		F(O), S(O), Su(O)	CRC Area III(b)
CRC Area II(a)-Writing Competency ¹ ^Z	3	Recommend meeting with a counselor	F, S, Su	CRC Area II(a)
CRC Area II(b)-Math Competency ² ^Z	3-4	Recommend meeting with a counselor	F, S, Su	CRC Area II(b)

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¹ Suggestion-ENGWR 300 College Composition (3 units); Advisory ENGRD 110; F(P), S(P), Su(P); to meet the requirement for Certificates in ECE-Teacher & ECE-Master Teacher.

² Suggestion-MATH 300 Intro to Math Ideas (3 units); Pre-req: MATH 120; F, S, Su; to meet the requirements for Certificate in ECE-Teacher & ECE-Master Teacher.

Semester 2

15 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
ECE 404 ^Z Children with Special Needs	3	ECE 312	F, S	

Career

Options/Outlook:

Preschool Teachers instruct preschool-aged children in activities designed to promote social, physical, and intellectual growth needed for primary school in preschool, daycare centers, or other child development facilities.

A sample of reported job titles:

Early Childhood Teacher, Group Teacher, Head Start Teacher, Headstart Teacher, Lead Teacher, Pre-Kindergarten Teacher (Pre-K Teacher), Preschool Teacher, Teacher, Teacher Assistant, Toddler Teacher

Projected job openings in California (2020-2030):

7,540

Projected growth in California (2020-2030):

22% growth

Median Salary in California with advanced degree (2021):

\$37,080/yr

Source:

<https://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/25-2011.00>

Transfer notes:

Please meet with a counselor for specific transfer course evaluation or transferring to a specific 4-year institution.

General Education (GE):

Non-specified GE courses identified by CRC Area, CSU Area or IGETC Area without pre- or co-requisite can be taken at any semester.

This program will meet the requirements for

the Certificate of Achievement in ECE-Master Teacher, ECE-School Age Child Care & Education with the selection of ECE 356, and the Certificate of Proficiency in ECE-Associate Teacher.

Honors option:

The CRC Honors Program is designed specifically for academically accomplished students and for students with the potential for high achievement. Students who complete 15 units or more in honors-designated courses will earn special recognition as an Honors Scholar, a distinction that may entitle the student to guaranteed transfer and scholarship opportunities at select transfer colleges and universities.

About this program map:

This program map represents one possible pathway to complete the program. Please see a counselor to create an education plan customized to meet your needs. This map is not a guarantee of course

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS^	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
ECE 430 ^Z Culture and Diversity in Early Childhood Education	3		F(O), S	CRC Area VI
3 units from List A	3	See List A	See List A	
3 units from List B	3	See List B	See List B	
CRC Area V(a)-American Institutions ^Z	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area V(a)

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Year 2

Semester 3

16 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS^	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
ECE 320 ^Z Curriculum and Interactions in Early Childhood Education	4	ECE 300 & 312; Co-req: EE 326, TB clearance & proof of immunization	F, S	
ECE 326 ^Z Making Learning Visible Through Observation and Documentation	3	ECE 312	F, S	
3 units from List A	3	See List A	See List A	
CRC Area IV-Natural Sciences 1 ^Z	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area IV
CRC Area V(b)-Social & Behavioral Sciences 2 ^Z	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area V(b)

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Semester 4

16 Units

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availability or financial aid applicability.

Zero Textbook Costs (ZTC):

The Zero Textbook Costs designation and logo are added to any course that provides free access to all required instructional materials. These are typically shared with students through Canvas. Courses that are designated as ZTC may still require students to purchase supplemental materials such as lab coats, a calculator, art supplies, etc. See full definitions and searching tips on the [Zero Textbook Costs page](#) of the college website.

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
ECE 321 ^Z Advanced Practicum in Early Childhood Education	4	ECE 300, 312, 320, & 326; TB clearance & proof of immunization	S	
ECE 415 ^Z Children's Health, Safety and Nutrition	3		F(O), S, Su	CRC Area III(b)
ECE 424 Adult Supervision: Mentoring in a Collaborative Learning Setting	2	ECE 320	S, Su(O)	
3 units from List A	3	See List A	See List A	
CRC Area III(a)-Physical Edu Activity ^Z	1		F, S, Su	CRC Area III(a)
CRC Area I-Humanities ^Z	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area I

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[^]You must have passed the prerequisite course(s) with a "C" or better; Corequisite must be taken during the same semester; Advisory means it is recommended but not required to enroll in the course.

*(O) = online available (P) = partially online

List A-a minimum of 9 units from the following:

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
ECE 322 ^Z Promoting Children's Social Competence	3		S	CRC Area III(b)
ECE 342 ^Z Constructive Math and Science in Early Childhood Education	3		F(O)	
ECE 343 ^Z Language and Literacy Development in Early Childhood	3		F(O), S	
ECE 365 ¹ Creative Projects and Experiences for Young Children	3		F	
ECE 307 ^Z Introduction to Bilingual Education	3		Check Class Schedule for offering	
ECE 361 ^Z Introducing Young Children to Visual Arts	3		Check Class Schedule for offering	CRC Area I

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¹ Required for the Certificate in ECE-School Age Child Care & Education.

List B-a minimum of 3 units from the following:

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
ECE 330 Z Infant and Toddler Development	3		F, S(O)	
ECE 331 Z Care and Education of Infants and Toddlers	3	ECE 312 or 330	F(O), S	
ECE 356 Programs for the School-Age Child	3	ECE 312	S	
ECE 402 Infants with Atypical Development	3	ECE 312	S	

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