



Early Childhood Education - Master Teacher Certificate - with Specialization Options

This certificate qualifies students to be master teachers or supervising teachers in early care and education programs. Upon completing this certificate and with documented related experience, the individual is eligible to be a lead teacher and/or mentor teacher in publicly and privately funded programs serving young children and their families.

Total Units: 53

First Year

Semester 1

15 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*
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)
ECE 314 ^Z The Child, the Family and the Community	3		F(O), S(O), Su(O)
ENGWR 300 ^Z College Composition	3	Advisory: ENGRD 110	F(P), S(P), Su(O)
MATH 300 ^Z Introduction to Mathematical Ideas or	3	Intermediate Algebra or equivalent	F, S, Su
MATH 310 ^Z Mathematical Discovery	3	MATH 110 (or Geometry) & 120 or 125	F, S

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Semester 2

14 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*
ECE 320 ^Z Curriculum and Interactions in Early Childhood Education	4	ECE 300 & 312 & Co-req: ECE 326; TB clearance & proof of immunization.	F, S

Career

Options/Outlook:

Students completing this degree can work in administering early care and education programs. They will be qualified to supervise and coordinate early care and education program staff. Additionally, this degree provides the educational coursework that serves as the core curriculum for the early childhood education profession. Along with documented experience, this certificate leads to the Site Supervisor Permit issued by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing and is required of those individuals supervising a publicly funded early care and childhood education program.

A sample of reported job titles:

Administrator, early care and education program director, site supervisor in Head Start and publicly funded programs; including state preschool, program director in private early care and education programs

Projected job openings in California (2020-2030):

900

Projected growth in California (2020-2030):

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS^	SEMESTERS OFFERED*
ECE 326 ^Z Making Learning Visible Through Observation and Documentation	3	ECE 312	F, S
HUM 300 ^Z Classical Humanities or	3		F, S, Su
PHIL 310 ^Z Introduction to Ethics or	3		F, S
PHOTO 420 ^Z History of Photography	3		F, S
SPAN 401 Elementary Spanish or	4		F, S, Su
VIET 401 Elementary Vietnamese or	4		F, S, Su
DEAF 310 ^Z American Sign Language I	4		F, S, Su

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Year 2

Semester 3

12 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS^	SEMESTERS OFFERED*
ECE 404 ^Z Children with Special Needs	3	ECE 312	F, S
ECE 430 ^Z Culture and Diversity in Early Childhood Education	3		F(O), S
PSYC 371 ^Z Life Span Developmental Psychology or	3		F, S
FCS 324 ^Z Human Development: A Life Span	3		Check Class Schedule for offering
3 units from one of the Specialized Options in List A	3	See List A	See List A

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Semester 4

12 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS^	SEMESTERS OFFERED*
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15% growth

Median Salary in California with advanced degree (2021):

\$58,750/yr

Source:

<https://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/11-9031.00>

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.

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.

Program Notes:

See ECE Department for information on expertise requirements for the Child Development Permits.

About this program map:

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS^	SEMESTERS OFFERED*
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
ECE 424 Adult Supervision: Mentoring in a Collaborative Learning Setting	2	ECE 320	S, Su(O)
3 units from one of the Specialized Options in List A	3	See List A	See List A

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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

Curriculum Specialization-a minimum of 6 units from the following:

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS^	SEMESTERS OFFERED*
ECE 307 ^Z Introduction to Bilingual Education	3		Check Class Schedule for offering
ECE 322 ^Z Promoting Children's Social Competence	3		S
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 361 ^Z Introducing Young Children to Visual Arts	3		Check Class Schedule for offering
ECE 365 Creative Projects and Experiences for Young Children	3		F

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Infant & Toddler Care Specialization-a minimum of 3 units from the following:

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 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*
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 402 Infants with Atypical Development	3	ECE 312	S

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School-Age Care Specialization-a minimum of 6 units from the following

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS^	SEMESTERS OFFERED*
ECE 350 ^Z Introduction to Elementary Teaching with Field Experience	3	TB clearance; Advisory: ECE 312	F
ECE 356 Programs for the School-Age Child	3	Advisory: ECE 312	F

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