



Early Childhood Education, Associate Teacher Certificate

Upon completing this certificate and with appropriate documented experience, the student meets the minimum requirements for employment in a privately funded childcare or family day care program. Certificates are designed to meet varying employment levels and focused training with infants and school-age children. These requirements are outlined in Title 22 (Dept. of Social Services) regulations for child care licensing.

Total Units: 16

First Year

Semester 1

9 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)

^Z At least one section of this course is offered with free textbooks and is labeled as zero textbook costs (ZTC). If it is a GE area class or elective, there may be several ZTC offerings to fulfill the GE requirement. Use the Free Textbook filter to find these courses. Learn more on the [ZTC page of the college website](#).

Semester 2

7 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
ECE 326 ^Z Making Learning Visible Through Observation and Documentation	3	ECE 312	F, S

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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 center, or other child development facility.

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):

900

Projected growth in California (2020-2030):

15% growth

Median Salary in California with

^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

advanced degree (2021):

\$58,750/yr

Source:

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

Program Notes:

To be eligible for the Child Development Permit (Associate Teacher) students must also complete experience requirements for the particular permit for which they are applying. See ECE Department for further information.

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 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.