



# Early Childhood Education - Teacher Certificate

This certificate provides a foundation for in-depth early childhood teacher preparation through general education and introductory studies in child development and early childhood curriculum and pedagogy. Additionally, it covers culture and diversity issues in early childhood and health and safety practices. Students must verify the required teaching experience to be recommended to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to issue the Teacher Child Development Permit.

**Total Units: 45**

## First Year

### Semester 1

**15 Units**

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS <sup>^</sup>	SEMESTERS OFFERED*
<b>ECE 300</b> <sup>Z</sup> Introduction to Principles and Practices in Early Childhood Education	3		F(O), S(O)
<b>ECE 312</b> <sup>Z</sup> Child Development	3	Advisory: EMGWR 101 or 103 or ESLL 320, ESLR 320, & ESLW 320	F(O), S(O), Su(O)
<b>ECE 314</b> <sup>Z</sup> The Child, the Family and the Community	3		F(O), S(O), Su(O)
<b>ENGWR 300</b> <sup>Z</sup> College Composition	3	Advisory: ENGRD 110	F(P), S(P), Su(O)
<b>MATH 300</b> <sup>Z</sup> Introduction to Mathematical Ideas	3	Intermediate Algebra or equivalent	F, S, Su

<sup>Z</sup> 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

**10 Units**

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS <sup>^</sup>	SEMESTERS OFFERED*
<b>ECE 320</b> <sup>Z</sup> Curriculum and Interactions in Early Childhood Education	4	ECE 300 & 312 & Co-req: ECE 326; TB clearance & proof of immunization.	F, S
<b>ECE 326</b> <sup>Z</sup> Making Learning Visible Through Observation and Documentation	3	ECE 312	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*
<b>ECE 330</b> <sup>Z</sup> Infant and Toddler Development <b>or</b>	3		F, S(O)
<b>ECE 331</b> <sup>Z</sup> Care and Education of Infants and Toddlers <b>or</b>	3	ECE 312 or 330	F(O), S
<b>ECE 356</b> Programs for the School-Age Child <b>or</b>	3	Advisory ECE 312	F
<b>ECE 402</b> Infants with Atypical Development	3	ECE 312	S

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## Year 2

### Semester 3

13 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS^	SEMESTERS OFFERED*
<b>ECE 415</b> <sup>Z</sup> Children's Health, Safety and Nutrition	3		F(O), S, Su
<b>ECE 430</b> <sup>Z</sup> Culture and Diversity in Early Childhood Education	3		F(O), S
<b>PSYC 371</b> <sup>Z</sup> Life Span Developmental Psychology <b>or</b>	3		F, S
<b>FCS 324</b> <sup>Z</sup> Human Development: A Life Span	3		Check Class Schedule for offering
<b>SPAN 401</b> Elementary Spanish <b>or</b>	4		F, S, Su
<b>VIET 401</b> Elementary Vietnamese <b>or</b>	4		F, S, Su
<b>DEAF 310</b> American Sign Language I	4		F, S

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### Semester 4

7 Units

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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.

### Program Notes:

Students must complete 16 units in general education (GE) categories to be eligible for the Child Development Permit (Teacher Leve) through California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. At least one course in each of the following GE areas must be completed: English, Math/Science, Social Science, Humanities/Fine Arts.

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

### 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):

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS <sup>^</sup>	SEMESTERS OFFERED*
<b>ECE 321</b> <sup>Z</sup> Advanced Practicum in Early Childhood Education	4	ECE 300, 312, 320, & 326; TB clearance & proof of immunization	S
<b>HUM 300</b> <sup>Z</sup> Classical Humanities <b>or</b>	3		F, S, Su
<b>PHIL 310</b> <sup>Z</sup> Introduction to Ethics <b>or</b>	3		F, S
<b>PHOTO 420</b> <sup>Z</sup> History of Photography	3		F, S

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<sup>^</sup>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.

<sup>\*</sup>(O) = online available (P) = partially online

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.

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