

This program roadmap represents one possible pathway to complete the program. **Please see a counselor** to create an education plan that is customized to meet your needs. This roadmap is not a guarantee of course availability or financial aid applicability. For counseling appointments call 916.608.6510.

Total Units: 13

First Year

Semester 1

9 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*
ECE 312 Child Development	3		
ECE 300 Introduction to Principles and Practices in Early Childhood Education	3		
ECE 314 The Child, the Family and the Community	3		

Semester 2

4 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*
ECE 320 Curriculum and Interactions in Early Childhood Education	4	ECE 300 AND ECE 312 or PSYC 372	

Notes

- This certificate provides the educational coursework that serves as the core curriculum for the early childhood education field. Topics include an introduction to the profession, observation techniques, age-appropriate curriculum, and the child in the context of the family and community. Additionally, there is a focus on practicing these concepts in a supervised field/lab environment. With documented work experience, the student is also eligible to apply to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing for the Associate Teacher Child Development Permit.
- This certificate allows the student to work as a teacher in a private early care and education (Title 22) program, serving infants/toddlers, preschool-age children, and school-age children in before-and-after school programs. With the Associate Teacher Child Development Permit, an individual can work as an assistant or associate teacher in a publicly funded (Title 5) early care and education program.

Zero Textbook Costs (ZTC):

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