



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.

Catalog: 2026-27

Total Units: 61

First Year

Semester 1

15 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES
Req	ECE 300 Introduction to Principles and Practices in Early Childhood Education	3	
Req	ECE 312 Child Development or PSYC 372 Child Development	3	
Req	ECE 430 Culture and Diversity in Early Childhood Education	3	
RE	ENGL C1000 College Composition or ENGL C1000H ^H Honors College Composition	3	
RE	ART 430 Art and Children	3	

Semester 2

16 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES
Req	ECE 314 The Child, the Family and the Community	3	
Req	ECE 320 Curriculum and Interactions in Early Childhood Education	4	ECE 300 and 312
Req	ECE 331 Care and Education of Infants and Toddlers	3	
Req	ECE 415 Children's Health, Safety and Nutrition or NUTRI 320 Children's Health, Safety and Nutrition	3	
Req	ECE 420 Administration I: Programs in Early Childhood Education	3	ECE 300

CAREER PATH

Career Options:

Students completing this certificate are eligible to be a Director in a privately-funded early childhood program and a Site Supervisor in a publicly-funded early childhood program. Some school districts and Head Start programs require a Bachelor's degree.

Students completing this certificate will meet the education requirements for the Site Supervisor Permit, issued by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC). However, the CTC also requires 350 days of 3+ hours per day of experience in an Early Childhood Education classroom/program within 4 years, including at least 100 days of supervising adults.

Advising Notes:

- 16 units of general education courses must include at least one course from each of the following four areas: Natural Science or Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning, English Composition or Oral Communication & Critical Thinking, Arts & Humanities, and Social & Behavioral Sciences. A course cannot be used in the 16 units if already used in the 37 units of ECE core.
- ECE 320 and 321 both have a lab and a lecture component. Each course requires students to complete 108 hours in an

Second Year

Semester 3

16 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES
Req	ECE 321 Advanced Practicum in Early Childhood Education	4	ECE 320
Req	ECE 326 Making Learning Visible Through Observation and Documentation	3	ECE 300 and 312
Req	ECE 422 Administration II: Personnel and Leadership in Early Childhood Education	3	ECE 300
RE	ECE 363¹ Music and Movement with Young Children	3	
RE	NUTRI 300 Nutrition	3	

¹ or ECE 361 (*Introducing Young Children to Visual Arts*)

Semester 4

14 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES
Req	ECE 424 Adult Supervision: Mentoring in a Collaborative Learning Setting	2	
RE	POLS C1000 Introduction to Government: United States or	3	
	POLS C1000H^H Introduction to Government: United States - Honors	3	
RE	PSYC 365 Issues of Diverse Populations or	3	
	SWCD 330 Issues of Diverse Populations	3	
RE	MATH 310 Mathematical Discovery	3	
RE	MUFHL 300 Introduction to Music	3	

^H honors courses

approved early education classroom. Students taking these courses will have the option of completing their practicum experience at the ARC Child Development Center (CDC), at their worksite (if it meets required lab placement criteria), or from a department-approved community placement site.

- Placements at community sites and the ARC CDC will require the following immunizations: a current TB test (0-12 months), T-DAP (within 10 years), and MMR. Students may sign a waiver for the flu vaccine.
- Students must complete both ECE 300 and ECE 312/PSYC 372 with a "C" or better before taking ECE 320.

Other Notes:

- While working toward this certificate students will qualify for the **Associate Teacher certificate** and the **Teacher certificate**. See ECE maps and meet with a counselor for guidance.

EXPLANATION OF CATEGORIES

Req	Required Core	A course that is required for this program
RE	Restricted Elective	A course selected from a list of elective courses specified for this program in the course list in the catalog, which can be replaced with another course from the same list

