



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: 53

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	ECE 361 Introducing Young Children to Visual Arts	3	

Semester 2

13 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	

Second Year

Semester 3

14 Units

CAREER PATH

Career Options:

- Teacher in a privately funded (Title 22) early care and education program (center-based & family childcare).
- Associate Teacher in a publicly funded (Title 5) early care and education program.
- Teacher in a publicly funded (Title 5) early care and education program, with 175 days of experience. Some publicly funded programs require a BA for a Lead Teacher position.
- Mentor for the CA Early Mentor Program.
- Eligible to serve as a mentor for field experience courses.

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 already used in the 24 units of ECE core and/or 6 units of specialization.
- ECE 320 and 321 both have a lab and a lecture component. Each course requires students to complete 108 hours in an approved early education classroom. Students taking

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
RE	BIOL C1000 Survey of Biology	4	
RE	NUTRI 300 Nutrition	3	

Semester 4

11 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES
Req	ECE 424 Adult Supervision: Mentoring in a Collaborative Learning Setting	2	ECE 314
Req	ECE 330 Infant and Toddler Development	3	
Req	ECE 404 Children with Special Needs	3	ECE 312 or PSYC 372
RE	POLS C1000 Introduction to Government: United States or POLS C1000H ^H Introduction to Government: United States - Honors	3 3	

^H honors courses

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.

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.
- Each ECE certificate level relates to the educational preparation for each level of Child Development permits through the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. See their website for additional requirements.

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