

Certificate

Early Childhood Education: Associate Teacher

This program prepares you to succeed in early childhood education by learning effective teaching strategies, creating developmentally based curricula, and addressing the needs of young children while meeting state licensing requirements. The Early Childhood Education: Associate Teacher program consists of five required courses.

Total Units: 20
Completion Time: 9-12 months (full-time)
Modality: Online with live-online and self-paced formats.
Special Programs: Not currently approved for F-1 Compliance or WIOA/TAA Funding.



*Courses may have prerequisites; review the course page before enrolling. A checkmark indicates the course is typically offered during that term. **

Required Courses

21 Units | 5 Courses

COURSE NAME & NUMBER	UNITS	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
ECE 1: Development in Early Childhood ECED.X301	4.0		✓		✓
ECE 2: Introduction to Teaching Young Children ECED.X302	4.0	✓		✓	
ECE 3: Curriculum Development in Early Childhood Programs ECED.X303	4.0	✓		✓	
ECE 4: The Young Child in the Family and Community ECED.X304	4.0		✓		✓
ECE 8: Child Health, Safety and Nutrition ECED.X308	5.0		✓		✓

Completion Review

Once all certificate requirements have been met and your final grades are posted, please access your Student Portal to enroll in the "[Certificate Completion Fee](#)" to begin the review process. Please allow 4-6 weeks to receive your certificate.

Professional Development

- The Early Childhood Education Associate Teacher certificate program satisfies the Department of Social Services Title 22 Community Care licensing requirements for qualified infant-toddler and preschool teachers, as well as before and after-school-age caregivers in a licensed early childhood education program
- This program also satisfies the California Department of Education Title 5 child development coursework requirements for the Child Development Assistant or Associate Teacher permit.
- This program is designed for teachers requiring ECE/CD coursework for Transitional Kindergarten ECE units.