

## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

For the Associate in Arts for Transfer degree (AA-T) program, see page 150 in the MPC 2017-18 Catalog.

The Early Childhood Education Department program leads to an Early Childhood Education Certificate of Achievement (Career Technical), an Associate in Science in Early Childhood Education degree, and an Associate in Science in Early Childhood Education for Transfer (AS-T in Early Childhood Education) degree, as well as course work required by the State of California Department of Education for the Child Development Permit Matrix.

**Learning Outcomes:** Upon successful completion of the program, students will be able to:

- Understand and apply knowledge of child development theories and principles, encompassing children’s physical, intellectual, social, and emotional development that recognizes various contexts that influence children as individuals and plan for all children’s developmental needs from both an individualized and group perspective.
- Identify, develop, and implement developmentally appropriate curriculum, teaching practices, and healthy/safe/inclusive environments that positively guide and enhance children’s development, creativity, and problem-solving skills.
- Develop positive, supportive relationships with children in order to plan for groups and individual children using a relational, play-based collaborative approach involving families and the community.
- Value and cultivate collaborative family and community relationships through inclusion of families and communities in young children’s development and learning, and apply knowledge and strategies for honoring and working with diverse groups of children, families and community.
- Identify and implement observation, documentation, and other developmentally appropriate assessment strategies (including the use of technology), in collaboration with families and community resources, to plan for children’s interests, meet developmental needs, and strengthen teacher’s work with children and families.
- Develop reflective habits and grow as an Early Childhood professional by understanding the complexities, ethical responsibilities, and professional role as a teacher and advocate for young children, their families, and the early-childhood profession.
- Demonstrate knowledge of foundations of learning for young children, including dual-language learners and children with special needs, in relation to the major curriculum areas of math, science, creative art, small motor development, language/literature/literacy, social studies, large motor development: music/movement, and health/safety/nutrition.
- Demonstrate an ability to accurately assess knowledge, skills, and abilities in relationship to their educational, career, and/or personal goals.
- Demonstrate an ability to critically examine and comprehend human nature and behavior, social traditions, and institutions.
- Demonstrate an ability to examine interactions and interconnections across cultures.

The following identifies the courses needed for the California Child Development Permit Matrix Requirements for all Early Childhood Teachers working in state licensed and stat funded early childhood programs in California.

### **California Child Development Permit Matrix Requirements:**

**Aide** requires any 6 units of Early Childhood Education.

**Assistant** requires any 6 units of Early Childhood Education.

**Associate Teacher** requires 12 Early Childhood Education units including core ECED 1, 55 and any combination of ECED 2, 51-84 plus work experience guidelines set by CDE.

**Teacher** requires 24 Early Childhood Education units including core ECED 1, 55 and any combination of ECED 2, 51-84, and 16 General Education units with at least one degree-applicable course in English/Language Arts, Math/Science, Social Science, and Humanities/Fine Arts.

**Master Teacher** requires all that is required for the Teacher level plus ECED 72, 16 General Education units with at least one degree-applicable course in English/Language Arts, Math/Science, Social Sciences, and Humanities/Fine Arts, and six units from one of the following specializations plus work experience guidelines set by California Department of Education.

**Site Supervisor** requires an AS with 24 Early Childhood Education units including core ECED 1, 55, 71A, 71B, 72 plus work experience guidelines set by CDE.

**Program Director** requires a BA with all of the requirements of Site Supervisor level, plus work experience guidelines set by CDE.

**Note:** Licensing requires ECED 62 Infant-Toddler Care for teachers and directors who supervise infants or toddlers.

### **Certificate of Achievement (Career Technical)**

<b>Certificate Requirements</b>	<b>Units</b>
<b>REQUIRED CORE:</b>	<b>26</b>
ECED 1 Child Growth and Development (3)	
ECED 2 Observation and Assessment (3)	
ECED 51 Principles and Practices of Teaching Young Children (3)	
ECED 52 Practicum: Field Teaching Experience (5)	
ECED 55 Child, Family, and Community (3)	
ECED 56 Teaching in a Diverse Society (3)	
ECED 61 Health, Safety and Nutrition for the Young Child (3)	
ECED 80 Introduction to Curriculum (3)	
<b>Select any two courses from the following electives; or select 6 units from one of the specializations to meet the California Early Childhood Permit requirements.</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Children's Programs/Curriculum Specialization:</b>	
ECED 81 Creativity in Art and Small Motor Development (3)	
ECED 82 Science and Math Curriculum (3)	
ECED 83 Large Motor Development: Music and Movement for Young Children (3)	
ECED 84 Language and Literacy Curriculum (3)	
<b>Working with Families Specialization:</b>	
ECED 74 Working with Children and Families Impacted by Stress and Trauma (3)	
<b>Infant/Toddlers Specialization:</b>	
ECED 62A Infant and Toddler Development (3)	
ECED 62B Care and Education for Infants and Toddlers (3)	
<b>Special Needs Specialization:</b>	
ECED 63A Introduction to Children with Special Needs (3)	
ECED 63B Curriculum/Strategies for Children w/Special Needs (3)	
<b>Guidance Specialization: <i>When choosing this specialization, select ECED 40 and one course from one of the other specializations to meet the 6-unit requirement.</i></b>	
ECED 40 Positive Child Guidance (3)	
<b>Administration Specialization:</b>	
ECED 71A Admin I: Programs in Early Childhood Ed (3)	
ECED 71B Admin II: Personnel and Leadership in Early Childhood Ed (3)	
<b>TOTAL CERTIFICATE UNITS</b>	<b>32</b>

**Associate in Science Degree (Career Technical)**

**Associate Degree Major Requirements**

**UNITS**

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**Certificate Requirements (as described above)**

**32**

*Complete Competency Requirements and MPC General Education Pattern for a total of 60 degree-applicable units (see pages 72-73, 76 in the 2017-18 MPC Catalog).*

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**TOTAL DEGREE UNITS**

**60**

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