



Public Safety & Education

Early Childhood Education



2
Years

TO TRANSFER

10%

JOB GROWTH

Preschool Teachers

36,000

CHILDREN UNDER 5

Monterey County

90%

BRAIN DEVELOPMENT

Occurs Before Age 5

Program Overview

Help shape the next generation by giving them the foundation to flourish in their growth, in school and beyond. Students in the Early Childhood Education program learn theories and principles of childhood development; how to create developmentally appropriate curricula; and best practices for safe, healthy, and inclusive environments that optimize children’s creativity and problem-solving skills. Students will have the opportunity to observe, experience, and implement curriculum firsthand at a high quality lab preschool that includes an outdoor learning environment.

Job Outlook

There are abundant local job opportunities for qualified teachers. In 2018-2019, there were 913 postings in early childhood education in the Monterey area. The Monterey County Office of Education, Salinas City Elementary School District, and Santa Cruz City Schools are among the area’s top employers.

CAREERS

Childcare Workers

\$23,670 - \$40,160

*Preschool Teachers

\$25,590 - \$53,720

*Pre-K Special Education Teachers

\$30,990 - \$87,900

*Preschool/Daycare Directors

\$34,290 - \$90,180

*Child & School Social Workers

\$35,490 - \$94,790

* Requires additional training
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
(CA data)



Our Top Transfer Colleges

- CSU Monterey Bay
- San Francisco State University
- Santa Clara University

