

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

The Early Childhood Education degree is designed to provide students with the knowledge and instruction that will promote their understanding of the child's development from birth through age eight. Classes will prepare students to understand and successfully interact with children, and to enter a variety of professions serving children and their families. Many of the instructors in this program currently manage their own schools, therefore providing practical information and experience as well as teaching an excellent theoretical basis. Experience in the field is required through coursework to provide a solid and thorough educational experience.

The ECE program offers coursework required by the State of California Department of Social Services and for licensing by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing for the Child Development Permit. See box to the right for the specific coursework and requirements.

Student Learning Outcomes for this major are:

- Evaluate the needs, the characteristics, and the multiple influences on development of children birth to age eight as related to high quality care and education of young children.
- Design, implement, and evaluate environments and activities that support positive, developmental play and learning outcomes for all children.
- Apply effective guidance and interaction strategies that support all children's social learning, identity, and self-confidence.
- Develop strategies that promote partnerships between programs, teachers, families, and their communities.
- Demonstrate ethical standards and professional behaviors that deepen understanding, knowledge, and commitment to the early childhood profession.

A. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

See pages 55-57 for details.

B. REQUIRED COURSES

40 units distributed as follows:

1. All courses from the following (32 units):

- ECE 100 Health, Safety, and Nutrition for Young Children
- ECE 101 Principles and Practices of Teaching Young Children
- ECE 102/PSY 102 Child and Adolescent Growth and Development
- ECE 103 Child, Family, and Community
- ECE 110 Introduction to Curriculum
- ECE 124 Observation and Assessment
- ECE 126 Teaching in a Diverse Society
- ECE 202 Practicum in Early Childhood Programs: Field Experience

2. Two courses selected from the following (8 units):

- ECE 109 Language and Literacy for Young Children
- ECE 120 Creative Experiences for Young Children
- ECE 121 Math and Science Experiences for Young Children
- ECE 125 Positive Child Guidance
- ECE 127 Infants and Toddlers: Development and Care
- ECE 129 The Exceptional Child
- ECE 203 Administration I: Programs in Early Childhood Education
- ECE 204 Administration II: Personnel and Leadership in Early Childhood Education
- ECE 205 Administration III: Adult Supervision and Mentoring in Early Care Education

C. ELECTIVE UNITS to bring the total to 90.

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Classes offered at LTCC meeting California State Licensing and Child Development Permit requirements
(All units listed are quarter units):

California State Licensing:

Aide - requires any 9 units of ECE

Teacher - requires 18 ECE units:

ECE/PSY 102

ECE 103

ECE 110

And two of the following curriculum courses:

ECE 109, ECE 120, ECE 121

Child Development Permit (Educational requirements):

Assistant - 9 units of ECE

Associate Teacher - 18 ECE units:

ECE/PSY 102

ECE 103

ECE 110

And any two of the following curriculum courses:

ECE 109, 120, or 121

Teacher - Core ECE units:

ECE/PSY 102

ECE 103

ECE 110

And any combination of the following to equal 36 units:

ECE 100, 101, 109, 120, 121, 125, 127, 129, 205

202, 203, and 204, as well as 24 general education units.

Site Supervisor - Associate Degree (or 90 units) with 36 units of ECE including:

ECE/PSY 102; ECE 103, ECE 203, 204, and 205

and any curriculum course ECE 109, 110, 120 or 121), as well as 24 general education units.

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