

Early Childhood Studies: Preschool/Infant Toddler Program Director

Award Type: Certificate of Achievement

Completion of Preschool/Infant Toddler Program would qualify students up a Site Supervisor-level permit issued by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. This prepares the student to work in Title 5, Title XXII and federally funded programs.

The graduate of the Certificate of Achievement in Early Childhood Studies: Preschool/Infant Toddler Program Director will:

- Understand and apply child development theories and principles.
- Identify and implement observation, documentation and other assessment strategies.
- Value and cultivate collaborative family and community relationships.
- Identify, develop and implement developmentally appropriate curriculum and teaching practices to positively guide children's behavior and learning.
- Develop self-reflective habits and grow as members of the early childhood profession to understand the complexities of working with diverse groups of families, children, staff and the community.
- Develop an environment that honors the diversity of the learning community - through empowerment, equity, respect and dignity.

Program Requirements

A major of 38 units is required for the certificate. Required core courses (35 units):

Course Number	Course Title	Units
ECS 100	Child Growth and Development	3.0
ECS 101	Child, Family and Community	3.0
ECS 102	Child Health, Safety & Nutrition	3.0
ECS 104	Principles and Practices of Teaching Young Children	3.0
ECS 105	Observation and Assessment	3.0
ECS 106	Introduction to Early Childhood Curriculum	3.0
ECS 111	Administration I: Programs in Early Childhood Education	3.0
ECS 115	Care and Education for Infants and Toddlers	3.0
ECS 118	Practicum: Preschool	3.0
ECS 119	Practicum: Infant/Toddler	3.0
ECS 120	Adult Supervision and Mentoring In Early Childhood Education	2.0
ECS 320	Administration: Staff Leadership	1.0
ECS 321	Administration: Professional Ethics	1.0
ECS 322	Administration: Parents as Partners	1.0

Plus a minimum of 3 units selected from the following:

Course Number	Course Title	Units
ACCT 317	Bookkeeping 1	3.0
BUS 106	Small Business Management	3.0
BUS 107	Human Relations in Business	3.0
ECS 112	Introduction to Young Children with Special Needs	3.0
ECS 113	Curriculum and Strategies for Children with Special Needs	3.0
ECS 114	Parent/Child Relationships	3.0
ECS 117	Teaching the Hispanic Child	3.0
ECS 122	Positive Child Guidance	3.0

ECS 125	Curriculum for School-Age Children	3.0
ECS 303	Introduction to Early Childhood	2.0
FSN 109	Basic Nutrition for Health	3.0
	or	
FSN 110	Nutrition Science	3.0