

Early Childhood Education – Special Education Certificate of Achievement

+If you have completed coursework at another college and/or are starting in a semester other than a Fall term, please follow up with the Counseling Department to determine if this sequence is appropriate for your academic and career goals.

Certificate Description:

The Early Childhood Education (ECE) degree and certificate programs give students the opportunity to prepare for careers in the field of early childhood education and/or transfer to a four-year university. Education and training prepares students for entry into a variety of careers in the field. The field of early childhood education needs trained, creative educators to provide high quality services to children and families in a variety of settings

Certificate SLO:

Students will be able to demonstrate proficiency in the core skills and knowledge required for employment as an Early Childhood Master Teacher in a Title 5 program.

Notes:

*This certificate includes courses that are only offered once a year. If you are not starting in a Fall semester, the Early Childhood Education department and/or Counseling can help you adjust the plan to meet your needs.

Important Information: For students interested in earning an Associate's degree and/or transfer, please follow up with the Counseling Office for additional information @ <https://www.canyons.edu/counseling> or (661)362-3288/(661)362-3811.

Major courses are sequenced and **BOLDED** based on recommendations by the [Early Childhood Education Department](#)

FA = Fall; WI = Winter; SP = Spring; SU = Summer

First Semester		(0-16 units minimum)	
Course	Title	Units	Major Courses
ECE 100	Principles and Practices of Early Childhood Education (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Major Course
ECE 101	Child Growth and Development (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Major and GE Course
ECE 102	Child, Family, and Community (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Major and GE Course
ECE 144	Music and Motor Development for the Young Child (FA)*	2	Major Course
ECE 151	Art and Creativity for Young Children (FA)*	2	Major Course
ECE 160	Understanding and Education of Children with Special Needs (FA, SP)	3	Major Course
		Term Totals:	16

Second Semester		(17-32 units minimum)	
Course	Title	Units	Major
ECE 104	Introduction to Curriculum for Early Childhood Education (FA, SP) <i>Prerequisite: ECE 100</i>	3	Major Course
ECE 105	Health, Safety, Nutrition in Early Childhood Education (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Major Course

ECE 106	The Role of Equity and Diversity in Early Childhood Education (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Major Course
ECE 130	Infant/Toddler Development and Curriculum (FA, SP)	3	Major Course
ECE 155	Science and Math for the Young Child (SP)*	2	Major Course
ECE 156	Literature and Language Development for the Young Child (SP)*	2	Major Course
	<i>Term Totals:</i>	16	

Total Units: 32

Counseling Resources

Counseling Department: <https://www.canyons.edu/student-services/counseling/index.php>

Early Childhood Education Department: <https://www.canyons.edu/ece>

Future Educators Club: cocfec@gmail.com; https://www.instagram.com/coc_fec/;

https://twitter.com/coc_fec; Instagram: @coc_fec

TEACH Program: <https://www.canyons.edu/academics/teach/index.php>

Petition for Certificate of Achievement: Petitions are due in the fall/spring/summer term you will complete the requirements and may be submitted before your last term or up until the final day of the term. The petition form must be reviewed with a counselor and may be found here:

https://www.canyons.edu/resources/documents/student-services/admissions/Petition_for_Associate_Degree_and_Certificate_of_Achievement.pdf

Career Resources

Early Childhood Education Career Tree: <https://www.canyons.edu/academics/ece/careertree/index.php>

California Career Zone: www.cacareerzone.org

O*Net Online: www.onetonline.org

Bureau of Labor and Statistics: www.bls.gov

Professional Associations:

National Association for the Education of Young Children: www.naeyc.org

California Association for the Education of Young Children: www.caeyc.org