



College to Career Connection

Early Childhood & Elementary Teacher Education

What is Early Childhood Education?

Students in this program learn about the development of children's bodies, emotions, social skills, and intelligence so they can plan and design services and learning environment for young children. 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.

[COC - Early Childhood Education Associate in Science for Transfer \(AS-T\)](#)

[COC - Elementary Teacher Education Associate in Arts for Transfer \(AA-T\)](#)

[COC - Early Childhood Education - Infant/Toddler, Pre-School, School Age, Special Education, Certificate of Achievements](#)

[ECE -Early Childhood Education - Supervision & Administration of Children's Programs Certificate of Achievement](#)

Potential Industries/Employers

- Extended School Programs
- Head Start Program
- Family Day Care
- Preschool
- Public/Private Schools
- Adult Education Programs
- Religious Organizations
- Adoption Agencies
- Youth Services Agencies
- Department of Health/Education

Possible Job Titles

- Preschool Teacher
- Child Life Specialist
- Case Manager
- Occupational Therapist Assistant
- Social Services Worker
- Infant/Toddler Teacher
- Program Evaluator
- Family and Consumer Studies Specialist
- Tutor
- Intervention Specialist
- Day Care Director
- Program Coordinator
- Family Child Care Provider

How this Major Helps You Move Forward:

Skills Advancement

While College of the Canyons does not endorse all of these opportunities, we aim to provide access:

- [Internships](#)
- [COC Career Center](#)
- [College of the Canyons TEACH/Future Educators Club](#)
- [Santa Clarita Valley Education Foundation Volunteer](#)
- [Early Childhood Teacher Resources](#)

CSU/UC Major Preparation (BA/BS):

- [CSUN: Child and Adolescent Development B.A. with Early Childhood Development option](#)
- [CSULA: Child Development B.A.](#)
- [CSUCI: Liberal Studies, B.A. Integrated Teaching Credential Emphasis](#)
- ... and more!

Additional information can be found at:

- [What Can I do With this Major](#)
- [COC Early Childhood Education Department](#)
- [Candid Career](#)
- [Assist: Student Transfer Information System](#)
- [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)
- [ONET OnLine: Job and Career Exploration](#)
- [Linkedin Alumni Tool](#)

Associations

Association is a group of people who come together for a common purpose. You can find helpful information about jobs and careers.

- [California Department of Social Services \(CDSS\)](#)
- [National Association for Family Child Care](#)
- [National Association for the Education of Young Children](#)
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This is a general information. It is not an exhaustive, comprehensive list. For specific information on majors and careers please connect with your professors and visit the counseling center at <https://www.canyons.edu/student-services/counseling> | 3/26/21