



Early Childhood Teacher Certificate (Transcripted)

Program code: sac.cdect.ca

This Early Childhood Teacher Certificate provides students with knowledge about the comprehensive development of young children ages 3 to 5 years old. Students will focus on understanding developmentally appropriate practice, effective learning strategies, and how to create and implement a high quality classroom for young children. The practicum component of the program will support the students as they transfer their learning to their work with young children. The program is available for early childhood educators, parents, administrators and health care professionals.

In order to earn the certificate, students must complete the following:

- 16 units of general education, specifically a class in each of the following areas: English, Science or Math, Social Science, and Humanities/Fine Arts.
- Additional work experience with young children (175 days of 3 hours per day within 4 years).

These two requirements will also qualify the students to earn a California Teacher Permit, which is used in federal and state early childhood programs as well as licensing regulations for private and faith based programs. In addition to the 36.5 units of Child Development coursework and 16 units of general education, students should consider completing the general education requirements for the AA Degree in Child Development with an Emphasis in Preschool-Age Care and Development. Contact Career Technical Education (CTE) counselors at SAC for additional assistance in planning your early childhood profession (714-564-6254).

Learning Outcome(s):

1. Students will demonstrate a knowledge base of the development of school aged children.
2. Students will apply the knowledge base of theory to practice through thoughtful reflections on classroom observations.
3. Students will understand and be conversant about the main philosophical and sociological ideas and trends that have influenced education as well as be able to analyze their application and importance for teaching today.

Course	Units
Child Development 107, Child Growth and Development (DS1)	3
Child Development 108, Observation and Assessment for Early Learning and Development (DS3)	3
Child Development 110, Child, Family, and Community (DS2)	3
Child Development 111A, Principles and Practices of Teaching Young Children (DS3)	3
Child Development 111B, Introduction to Curriculum for Young Children (DS3)	3
Child Development 112, Health, Safety, and Nutrition for Children	3
Child Development 200, Introduction to Technology in Early Childhood Education	3
Child Development 205, Introduction to Children with Special Needs	3
Child Development 221, Living and Teaching in a Diverse Society	3
Child Development 231, Developing Language and Literacy in Young Children	3
Child Development 297, Analyzing and Applying Teacher Strategies in the Classroom	3
Child Development 298A, Practicum in Early Childhood Programs	3.5

Total 36.5