

# 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        | <b>Principles and Practices of Early Childhood Education (FA, WI, SP, SU)</b> | 3                    | Major Course        |
| ECE 101        | <b>Child Growth and Development (FA, WI, SP, SU)</b>                          | 3                    | Major and GE Course |
| ECE 102        | <b>Child, Family, and Community (FA, WI, SP, SU)</b>                          | 3                    | Major and GE Course |
| ECE 144        | <b>Music and Motor Development for the Young Child (FA)*</b>                  | 2                    | Major Course        |
| ECE 151        | <b>Art and Creativity for Young Children (FA)*</b>                            | 2                    | Major Course        |
| ECE 160        | <b>Understanding and Education of Children with Special Needs (FA, SP)</b>    | 3                    | Major Course        |
|                |   | <b>Term Totals:</b>  | <b>16</b>           |

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

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| 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](mailto:cocfec@gmail.com); [https://www.instagram.com/coc\\_fec/](https://www.instagram.com/coc_fec/);

[https://twitter.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](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](http://www.cacareerzone.org)

O\*Net Online: [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org)

Bureau of Labor and Statistics: [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)

Professional Associations:

National Association for the Education of Young Children: [www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org)

California Association for the Education of Young Children: [www.caeyc.org](http://www.caeyc.org)