



OVERVIEW

This emphasis will prepare students for a career in early childhood education. Certain courses, coupled with applied experience, will allow students to become permitted preschool teachers after graduation. For those interested in working as teachers with infants, toddlers, or older children, additional training is needed.

CAREER PATHWAYS

- Early Childhood Educator
- Preschool Teacher
- Preschool Center Director
- Transitional Kindergarten Teacher
- Children's Museum Educator
- Early Education Interventionist
- Speech & Language Pathologist
- Occupational Therapist

(Some of these careers require additional specialized graduate coursework.)

EMPHASIS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

RELEVANT COURSES

Required:

- EDUC 106: Intro to Early Childhood Education
- EDUC 107: Child Development in Education
- EDUC 149: Family, School & Community in Early Childhood
- Optional Courses:
- EDUC 128: Exceptional Learners
- EDUC 147: Poverty, Education & Social Change
- EDUC 151: Language & Literacy
- EDUC 157: Educational Research & Evaluation
- EDUC 174: Education & the American Dream
- EDUC 176: Psychology of Learning, Abilities, & Intelligence
- EDUC 185: Social Development in Education

** Required courses for California Child Development Teacher Permit

FIELD EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

- EDUC 193: Directed Studies in Early Childhood Education**
- EDUC 198: Directed Research in a Lab Focused on Diverse Learners & Special Education

**Hours earned in EDUC 193 may be used towards the 175 days of work in an Early Childhood setting required for the California Child Development Teacher Permit. For more info see:

<https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/req-child-dev>