

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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The Early Childhood Education program offers classes that combine lecture and lab activities. These courses prepare students who are interested in working with young children including those seeking certification to work in a day care facility. Students learn to plan nurturing educational environments and activities that enhance children's emotional, cognitive and physical development.

A four stage matrix guides career preparation in accordance with California State licensing standards. At Oxnard College, students may complete a certificate program that prepares them for employment as an Assistant Teacher in a public day care facility and complete additional courses in child development and general education to qualify as a Teacher. An Associate of Science degree with a major in Early Childhood Education is available that prepares them for other career options. Areas of specialization include Diversity, Infant/Toddlers and Special Needs. Stipends for study may be available through grants and programs such as the First Five Initiative.

For more information on Child Development permits see the Commission on Teacher Credentialing ([https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/child-development-permits-\(cl-797\)](https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/child-development-permits-(cl-797))) website.

## ECE R100 Introduction to Curriculum for the Young Child 3 Units

*Formerly:* CD R100

*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture

*C-ID:* ECE 130

This course introduces students to developmentally appropriate curriculum and environments for children birth through age eight. Explores teaching strategies and curriculum development based on theoretical frameworks, observation, and assessment. Emphasizes the teacher's role in supporting development and learning across the curriculum, including all content areas.

**Grade Modes:** Letter Graded

**Field Trips:** May be required

**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree

**AA/AS GE:** None

**Transfer Credit:** CSU

**UC Credit Limitations:** None

**CSU GE-Breadth:** None

**IGETC:** None

## ECE R102 Child Growth and Development 3 Units

*In-Class Hours:* 52.50 lecture

*C-ID:* CDEV 100

This introductory course examines the progression of development in the physical, cognitive, social, and emotional domains and identifies developmental milestones for children from conception through adolescence. Interactions between biological processes and environmental factors will be explored. Students will observe children, evaluate individual differences, and analyze characteristics of development at various stages according to developmental theories. The course will also examine cultural, economic, political, and historical contexts that impact children's development.

**Grade Modes:** Letter Graded, Credit by exam, license etc.

**Field Trips:** May be required

**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree

**AA/AS GE:** B2

**Transfer Credit:** CSU, UC

**UC Credit Limitations:** None

**CSU GE-Breadth:** D, E

**IGETC:** 4

## ECE R103 Programs for Young Children 3 Units

*Formerly:* CD R103

*In-Class Hours:* 52.50 lecture

*C-ID:* ECE 120

This course introduces the historical context and theoretical perspectives of developmentally appropriate practice in early care and education for children, birth through age eight. The typical roles and expectations of early childhood educators are explored and professional ethics, career pathways, and professional standards will be identified. Best practices for providing developmentally an appropriate learning environment, curriculum, and effective pedagogy for young children including how play contributes to children's learning, growth, and development are introduced. The importance of race and ethnicity in the context of culture and the need to support diverse cultures of young children in the programs will be analyzed.

**Grade Modes:** Letter Graded, Credit by exam, license etc.

**Field Trips:** May be required

**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree

**AA/AS GE:** None

**Transfer Credit:** CSU

**UC Credit Limitations:** None

**CSU GE-Breadth:** None

**IGETC:** None

## ECE R106 Child, Family and Community 3 Units

*Formerly:* CD R106

*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture

*C-ID:* CDEV 110

This course introduces the process of socialization focusing on the interrelationship of family, school, and community. The course will also examine the influence of multiple societal contexts and explore the role of collaboration between family, community, and schools in supporting children's development, birth through adolescence.

**Grade Modes:** Letter Graded

**Field Trips:** May be required

**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree

**AA/AS GE:** B2

**Transfer Credit:** CSU, UC

**UC Credit Limitations:** None

**CSU GE-Breadth:** D

**IGETC:** None

**ECE R107 Teaching in a Diverse Society 3 Units***Formerly:* CD R107*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture*C-ID:* ECE 230

This course examines the impact of various societal influences on the development of children's social identity. Students encounter that diversity is a major cultural trait of the United States, and recognize that schools reflect the societal makeup of our country. The course includes an identification of the main differences and similarities among various cultural groups and those of the mainstream culture.

**Grade Modes:** Letter Graded**Field Trips:** May be required**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** F**Transfer Credit:** CSU, UC**UC Credit Limitations:** None**CSU GE-Breadth:** D**IGETC:** None**ECE R108 The Exceptional Child 3 Units***Formerly:* CD R108*Same-As:* PSY R111*In-Class Hours:* 52.50 lecture

This course is designed to give educators and other caregivers an overview of children with exceptional characteristics. The main emphasis of this course is to provide an introduction to the broad span of children with exceptional characteristics and to the field of special education. Cultural backgrounds, beliefs, and linguistic practices that can impede parent involvement will be examine and students will be taught to identify ways school personnel can help families understand school culture, policies, and practices. Students will be introduced to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and related laws and regulations that impact special education and support programs and learn basic classroom management theories and strategies for individuals with exceptional learning needs.

**Grade Modes:** Letter Graded**Field Trips:** May be required**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** B2**Transfer Credit:** CSU**UC Credit Limitations:** None**CSU GE-Breadth:** None**IGETC:** None**ECE R111 Observation and Assessment 3 Units***In-Class Hours:* 35 lecture, 52.5 laboratory*Prerequisites:* ECE R100 and ECE R102*C-ID:* ECE 200

This course focuses on the appropriate use of a variety of assessment and observation strategies to document child development and behavior. Under supervision, field experience students will develop their skills of observation and analyze teacher/child interaction.

*Advisories/Rec Prep:* Finger print clearance as some child development centers may require fingerprinting

*Enrollment Limitations:* Proof of freedom from and immunity to communicable diseases. Current negative TB test or chest x-ray.

**Grade Modes:** Letter Graded**Field Trips:** May be required**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** CSU**UC Credit Limitations:** None**CSU GE-Breadth:** None**IGETC:** None**ECE R112 Practicum in Early Childhood Education 3 Units***In-Class Hours:* 35 lecture, 52.5 laboratory*Prerequisites:* ECE R102, ECE R106, and ECE R111*C-ID:* ECE 210

This course demonstrates developmentally appropriate early childhood program planning and teaching competencies under the supervision of Early Childhood Education (ECE) faculty and other qualified early education professionals. Students will utilize practical classroom experiences to make connections between theory and practice, develop professional behaviors, and build a comprehensive understanding of children and families. Reflective practice will be emphasized as student-teachers design, implement, and evaluate approaches, strategies, and techniques that promote development and learning. Students will explore career pathways, professional development, and teacher responsibilities.

*Enrollment Limitations:* Current negative TB test or chest x-ray. Finger print clearance may be required for some programs or school districts. .

**Grade Modes:** Letter Graded**Field Trips:** Will be required**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** CSU**UC Credit Limitations:** None**CSU GE-Breadth:** None**IGETC:** None

**ECE R113 Infant and Toddler Development 3 Units***Formerly:* CD R113*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture

This course examines infants and toddlers from pre-conception to age three, including their physical, cognitive, language, and social and emotional growth and development. Students will learn to apply theoretical frameworks to interpret behavior and interactions between heredity and environment. The role of family, relationships, culture, and various care settings on early childhood development will be emphasized.

**Grade Modes:** Letter Graded, Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading

**Field Trips:** May be required

**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree

**AA/AS GE:** None

**Transfer Credit:** CSU

**UC Credit Limitations:** None

**CSU GE-Breadth:** None

**IGETC:** None

**ECE R115 Administration I: Programs in Early Childhood Education 3 Units***Formerly:* CD R115*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture

This course is an introduction to the administration of early childhood programs. This course covers program types, budget, management, regulations, laws, development and implementation of policies and procedures. It examines administrative tools, philosophies, and techniques needed to organize, open, and operate an early childhood care and education program that is responsive to the needs of the community.

*Advisories/Rec Prep:* ECE R103, ECE R106, ECE R111, ECE R112

**Grade Modes:** Letter Graded

**Field Trips:** May be required

**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree

**AA/AS GE:** None

**Transfer Credit:** CSU

**UC Credit Limitations:** None

**CSU GE-Breadth:** None

**IGETC:** None

**ECE R116 Administration II: Personnel and Leadership in Early Childhood Education 3 Units***Formerly:* CD R116*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture*Prerequisites:* ECE R112

This course covers effective strategies for personnel management and leadership in early care and education settings. The course includes legal and ethical responsibilities, supervision techniques, professional development, and reflective practices for a diverse and inclusive early care and education program.

**Grade Modes:** Letter Graded, Student Option- Letter/Credit

**Field Trips:** May be required

**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree

**AA/AS GE:** None

**Transfer Credit:** CSU

**UC Credit Limitations:** None

**CSU GE-Breadth:** None

**IGETC:** None

**ECE R117 Adult Supervision Mentor/Teacher 2 Units***In-Class Hours:* 35 lecture*Prerequisites:* ECE R112 and be currently teaching

This course examines the methods and principles of supervising, mentoring, and coaching student teachers and other adults in early childhood care and education settings. This course will also cover the strategies and skills necessary to assess and support the development of adult learners as effective mentors, coaches and teachers. Students will learn to model reflective practice, cultural competency, ethical conduct, and constructive communication skills. Emphasizing the importance of individualized, relationship-and strengths-based approaches, this course will cover the characteristics and roles of effective supervisors, career requirements and pathways in early childhood education supervision, and use of evaluation in setting professional learning goals.

*Enrollment Limitations:* Currently teaching in an Early Childhood Education program.

**Grade Modes:** Letter Graded

**Field Trips:** May be required

**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree

**AA/AS GE:** None

**Transfer Credit:** CSU

**UC Credit Limitations:** None

**CSU GE-Breadth:** None

**IGETC:** None

**ECE R119 Infant and Toddler Care and Education 3 Units***In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture*Prerequisites:* ECE R102

This course applies current theory and research to the care and education of infants and toddlers in group settings. The course examines essential policies, principles and practices that lead to quality care and developmentally appropriate curriculum for children from birth to 36 months. This course is required for infant/toddler caregivers in licensed childcare center in California.

**Grade Modes:** Letter Graded

**Field Trips:** May be required

**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree

**AA/AS GE:** None

**Transfer Credit:** CSU

**UC Credit Limitations:** None

**CSU GE-Breadth:** None

**IGETC:** None

**ECE R129 Child Nutrition, Health and Safety 3 Units***In-Class Hours:* 52.50 lecture*C-ID:* ECE 220

This course provides an introduction to the laws, regulations, standards, policies, procedures, and best practices related to health, safety, and nutrition in both care and education settings for children, from birth through middle childhood. The key components that ensure physical health, mental health, and safety for both children and staff will be identified, along with the importance of collaboration with families and health professionals. This course focuses on integrating the concepts taught into everyday planning and program development.

**Grade Modes:** Letter Graded

**Field Trips:** May be required

**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree

**AA/AS GE:** None

**Transfer Credit:** CSU

**UC Credit Limitations:** None

**CSU GE-Breadth:** E

**IGETC:** None

**ECE R133 Language Arts in Early Childhood 3 Units**

*Formerly:* CD R133

*In-Class Hours:* 52.50 lecture

This course provides current information and practice of language arts and literature experiences for young children. It explores experiences which support and extend children's ability to use language as a means of communication, medium of creative expression, and tool in the development of logical thought. It also provides a foundation for the child's early literacy. Students will learn to use poetry, puppetry, flannel board material, storytelling, and children's literature as tools to support pre-reading and pre-writing skills.

**Grade Modes:** Letter Graded

**Field Trips:** May be required

**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree

**AA/AS GE:** None

**Transfer Credit:** CSU

**UC Credit Limitations:** None

**CSU GE-Breadth:** None

**IGETC:** None

**ECE R199 Directed Studies in Early Childhood Education 0.5-3 Units**

*Formerly:* CD R199

*In-Class Hours:* 8.75-52.5 lecture

*Prerequisites:* ECE R111

This course is designed for selected students interested in furthering their knowledge of early childhood education on an independent basis. Students will be involved in research, lab experience, and field work.

**Grade Modes:** Letter Graded, Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading

**Field Trips:** May be required

**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree

**AA/AS GE:** None

**Transfer Credit:** CSU

**UC Credit Limitations:** None

**CSU GE-Breadth:** None

**IGETC:** None

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