

PROGRAM OF STUDY

Educational Studies: ECE Unit Concentration

Certificate of Achievement



To provide an additional pathway to an education-related career, this certificate is designed for students interested in an education/ teaching-related career who prefer online classes and/or cannot always attend traditional face-to-face classes due to employment, marital status, family responsibilities, distance, and expenses incurred with traditional education schedules. All certificate classes are online (asynchronous, not zoom based) and include 16 ECE units.

This certificate serves as an Early Child Education unit completion pathway and represents a career ladder approach to a credential or permit or a stand-alone entity to document that a student has taken 16 units of Early Childhood Education coursework. Coursework is aligned with subject matter proficiency for the acquisition of knowledge and the development of skills for successful employment as a teacher's aide, after-school program assistant, tutoring, or other paraprofessional level classroom career in ECE settings including license-exempt programs such as in-home (nanny) care, youth organizations, parks & recreation programs, and some employer-sponsored programs where individual employers may specify their own requirements (such as from 12-16 ECE units).

This certificate is especially appropriate for students following various pathways to classroom teaching or education-related career:

- The paraprofessional or aspiring paraprofessional teacher aide seeking professional development course work, or to acquire ECE units as a condition of employment.
- The aspiring paraprofessional or currently employed paraprofessional teacher- aide seeking a career ladder approach to a teaching credential and/or child development permit and looking to fulfill 16 ECE units at Coastline.
- The teacher- aide paraprofessional who has decided against pursuing an AA and/or credential or permit but would like to acquire knowledge and skills relevant to serving as a teacher assistant or support staff in a classroom or school or related environment with an emphasis on Early Childhood Education.
- Teacher preparation for students on a transfer pathway for a BA and Credential who also desire certificate recognition with an ECE Unit Concentration.
- Credentialed teachers fulfilling selected transitional kindergarten (TK) requirements for ECE units.
- Students from partner colleges looking for online options to fulfill selected articulated ECE courses required for their programs.

It is expected that upon completion of the certificate students will be able to:

1. Apply certificate courses towards entry into a teaching credential program and/or to fulfill requirements for a selected child development permit or an employment setting requiring ECE units.
2. Document the acquisition of foundational knowledge and skills (as related to courses selected for this certificate), relevant for employment as a teacher assistant or support staff in an early childhood education classroom or related environment.

Possible Employment / Illustrative Examples

Early childhood education Teacher Assistant/ Aide; Childcare Worker; Paraprofessional in early childhood settings with the possible inclusion of special education pre-school settings; Montessori Pre-school Aide; Foater teacher's aide, corporate teacher aide, e.g., Disney, child care center, early childhood nutrition

aide, early head start teacher's aide; Infant Aide; After school assistant, daycare, outdoor activities assistant (play area), 24-Hour Fitness, YMCA, JCC or similar childcare center; Child advocate assistant, court system; Recreation specialist, nanny; Lego theme park assistant; Behavior Specialist.

Required Courses: 16 units

PSYC C116 - Child Growth and Development (3 units)

PSYC C118 - Life Span Development (3 units)

ENGL 143 - Children's Literature (3 units)

EDUC C180 - School, Family, Community Partnerships (3 units)

HLTH C100 - Personal Health (3 units)

EDUC 210 - Introduction To Special Education (3 units)

EDUC C 104 - Introduction to Teaching and Learning in Diverse Contemporary Classrooms (1 unit)

Total Required Units: 16