

Early Childhood Assistant Educator Certificate - Direct Employment

Program Provider: Pima Community College

Total Program Credits: 26

Program Major Codes: CRTCAE/9CAE

www.pima.edu/early-childhood-assist-cert



Program Details

Acquire knowledge and develop the competencies needed to enter a career and to continue professional growth in the care and education of children; birth through age eight in various settings.

Career Options/Outcomes

- Preschool teacher
- Teaching assistant
- Childcare worker
- Tutor
- Personal care aide
- Career advancement with ECE certification
- Additionally, apply for a position working with young children or use credits toward professional development requirements

Skills Gained

- Child Development -To reflect mastery of child development and characteristics of children 0-8 years of age.
- Building Family and Community Relationships - Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of family and community characteristics to support and empower families.
- Observing, Documenting, and Assessing to Support Young Children and Families.
- Teaching and Learning - Demonstrate knowledge of academic disciplines to design, implement, and evaluate experiences that promote positive development and learning for all young children.
- Becoming a Professional - To identify with and become involved with the early childhood field through continuous and collaborative learning to inform practice.

Pre-requisites/Placement

Students must meet prerequisite standards before taking WRT 101, required in the pathway.

Placement tests needed: Reading, writing and math

Academic Options

Continue your studies by applying your coursework toward the [Early Childhood Studies AAS](#).

Semester Pathway

This pathway is a suggested sequence of courses for full-time students. Part-time students or those with specific interests or transfer needs are encouraged to work with an advisor to develop a unique academic map.

Semester 1 Total: 11 Credits

ART 105:	Exploring Art and Visual Culture	3 Credits
MAT 106:	Elementary Data Analysis with Spreadsheets	3 Credits
WRT 101:	English Composition I	3 Credits
CSA 100:	Computer Literacy	1 Credits
ECE 117:	Child Growth and Development	3 Credits
ECE 118:	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3 Credits
STU 100:	Student Success and Career Planning	1 Credits
CDA Courses:	Complete all of the following:	
CDA 102:	The Child's Total Learning Environment	1 Credits
CDA 121:	Techniques for Observing Children	1 Credits
CDA 271:	Professionalism in Childcare	1 Credits

Semester 2 Total: 15 Credits

ECE 108:	Literature/Social Studies for Children	3 Credits
ECE 125:	Nutrition, Health, and Safety for the Young Child	3 Credits
ECE 226:	Positive Child Guidance	3 Credits
ECE 211:	Inclusion of Young Children with Special Needs	3 Credits
Elective:	Complete three credits from the following: ECE 107, ECE 115, ECE 124, ECE 129, ECE 245, CDA 103, CDA 112, CDA 126, CDA 138, CDA 155, CDA 161, CDA 170, CDA 173, CDA 211, CDA 222	3 Credits

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