



## Associate Teacher Certificate of Achievement

### NARRATIVE

#### Item 1. Program Goals and Objectives

This certificate provides the required educational coursework for the early childhood education field and allows the student to work as a teacher in a private early care and education program.

Completion of the coursework provides the student with the education and 150 hours of experience required to be eligible to apply to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing for the Associate Teacher Child Development Permit.

With an Associate Teacher Child Development Permit, an individual can work as an assistant or associate teacher in a publicly funded (Title 5) early care and education program.

#### Item 2. Catalog Description

This certificate provides the educational coursework that serves as the core curriculum for the early childhood education field and allows the student to work as a teacher in a private early care and education program. Completion of the coursework provides the student with the education and 150 hours of experience required to be eligible to apply to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing for the Associate Teacher Child Development Permit. With an Associate Teacher Child Development Permit, an individual can work as an assistant or associate teacher in a publicly funded (Title 5) early care and education program.

#### *PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES*

1. Integrate understanding of the needs, the characteristics, and multiple influences on development of all children birth to age eight as related to high quality care and education of young children.
2. Analyze, demonstrate, and evaluate effective practice in working with young children.
3. Design, implement, and evaluate environments and activities that support positive developmental play and learning outcomes for all young children.
4. Apply effective guidance and interaction strategies that support all children's social learning, identity, and self-confidence.
5. Apply ethical standards and professional behaviors that demonstrate understanding and knowledge, deepening the commitment to Early Care and Education profession.

**Item 3. Program Requirements**

Requirements	Dept. Name/#	Name	Units	Sequence
Required Core (15 units)	ECE 1	Principles and Practices of Teaching Young Children	3	
	ECE 2	Child Growth and Development	3	
	ECE 3 <sup>1</sup>	Introduction to Curriculum	3	
	ECE 4	Child, Family, and Community	3	
	ECE 19V <sup>1, 2</sup>	Cooperative Work Experience, Child Development	3	

<sup>1</sup> Students need to provide verification of immunization against influenza, pertussis, and measles, and freedom from tuberculosis.

<sup>2</sup> Student can meet the hourly unit requirement through employment or volunteering at an early care and education program.

**Required Core Total: 15 units**

**Item 4. Master Planning**

Part of our College Mission Statement is “...support student success by preparing for their futures and for the community’s future through career/ technical certificates, degrees, and transfer programs...”

This program prepares students for work in the field of early care and education in various capacities in Title 22 or state-funded preschool.

**Item 5. Enrollment and Completer Projections**

Currently the child development program has a success rate of 83% and a retention rate of 96%. This particular certificate is designed for students seeking entry-level employment, not pursuing a degree.

**Item 6. Place of Program in Curriculum/Similar Programs**

The Associate certificate a 12-unit certificate provide the coursework and 150 hours of experience required to be eligible to apply to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing for the Associate Teacher Child Development Permit allowing employment in Title 5 early childhood programs.

**Item 7. Similar Programs at Other Colleges in Service Area**

Successful programs exist at several other colleges in our service area. The following list provides Colleges within our Service Area with similar programs:

**State Center Community College District**

Reedley College

Fresno City College

Madera Community College

**College of the Sequoias**  
**West Hills Community College District**  
West Hills Coalinga  
West Hills Lemoore

**Merced Community College District**  
**Porterville Community College**