

***Teacher Education and Development Studies  
Associate Teacher Low-Unit Certificate***

The Associate Teacher Certificate is designed to be the first step toward obtaining entry-level employment in the field of Early Childhood Education in a preschool or child care setting. The Associate Teacher Certificate requires 12 core Child Development and Education units. This Certificate meets California Title 5 requirements for the Child Development Associate Teacher Permit.

Applications can be obtained through the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing Office. Meets Title 22 requirements for working in a child care center working with preschool-aged children 101216.1.

**Please see a Pathways Counselor:** Create an education plan customized to meet your needs. [Contact a Counselor](#)

**Transfer Majors/Award Focus**

- Child and Adolescent Development, A.A.-T CSUSM, UC
- Early Childhood Education, A.S.-T CSU
- Elementary Teacher Education, A.A.-T CSU, UC
- Early Intervention and Inclusion, A.S.

**Certificates**

- Associate Teacher Low-Unit
- Early Intervention and Inclusion
- Infant Toddler Teacher Low-Unit
- Teacher

**GE Pattern/Units**

- GE Pattern: n/a
- Total Units: 12



**Program maps** indicate the major coursework and recommended general education courses to fulfill your degree in 2 years (approximately 15 units/semester or 30 units/year). If you are a part-time student, start Semester 1 courses and follow the course sequence. Some of the courses listed may be substituted by another course. Please view these options in the official course [catalog](#).

**Semester 1**

**12 Units**

✓	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT
<input type="checkbox"/>	CDE-110	Child Development	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	CDE-101	Principles of Early Childhood Education	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	CDE-125	Child, Family and Community	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	CDE-103	Appropriate Curricula for Young Children <sup>1</sup>	3

<sup>1</sup>Note: take ion the second 8 weeks

**Career Options**

Preschool Teacher (A)  
Elementary Education Teacher (B)  
Early Childhood Education Administrator (A)  
Find more careers: [msjc.emsicc.com](http://msjc.emsicc.com)  
Required Education: SM: some college; C: Certificate; A: Associate,  
B: Bachelor's, M: Master's; D: Doctorate

**Financial Aid**

Financial aid is determined by the number of credit hours you take in a semester. Maximize your financial aid by taking 12-15 units per semester.

**Work Experience**

Sign up for a special project or internship opportunity. Gain [work experience](#) and earn credits.