



University Extension
Professional Studies

LAY THE FOUNDATION FOR A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME

Professional Certificate in Teaching Transitional Kindergarten



Historically, children in California have started kindergarten at a younger age; often lacking the fundamental skills needed to succeed. As the academic rigor in kindergarten advances, it becomes increasingly difficult for these youngsters to flourish in the classroom. Thus, the concept of Transitional Kindergarten was born. Developed as a result of the Kindergarten Readiness Act of 2010, Transitional Kindergarten serves as a bridge between preschool and kindergarten for children born in the fall; allowing them the opportunity to build age and developmentally appropriate skills, to level the playing field.

The Professional Certificate in Teaching Transitional Kindergarten is designed to give teachers the knowledge and expertise needed to provide a learning environment tailored to young learners. Understand the influences that affect children's overall development and learn proven techniques to support their cognitive, physical, social and emotional advancement through interactive lessons and structured, meaningful activities. When given the right tools and support, children will thrive. Bridge the gap and lead the charge in making academic achievement a reality for transitional kindergartners through responsive and deliberate teaching.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

Influences on children's biological, physical, social-emotional and cognitive development

Methods for engaging parents and building a collaborative relationship between home and school

Language development in children ages 0-5 and strategies for working with English learners

Differentiated instruction techniques for TK-K combination classrooms

Evidence-based curriculum and bridging the Preschool Learning Foundations with the Common Core State Standards

 **TOTAL UNITS**
36

 **TUITION**
\$5,560

 **COMPLETION TIME**
12 months

 **FORMAT**
Online



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BENEFITS OF EARNING A CERTIFICATE

There are several reasons why, Bachelor's degree in hand, you might be considering continuing your studies. An upgraded education section on your resume can open the door to a new career, or, if you're already working, lead to a promotion and a higher salary. While you're working, going back to school is an excellent way to stay current in rapidly changing fields, or, if you've been away from the workforce for a while, to quickly get caught up in the latest trends, concepts, and advances.

While there are as many paths to follow, as there are reasons to follow them when approaching continuing education, there is enormous value in terms of time, financial investment, and personal flexibility while gaining practical training from working professionals in your industry that extends beyond the theory of the classroom and into the real world.

KEY BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- UC quality curriculum
- Professional endorsements
- Schedule flexibility
- Variety of courses and programs
- Instruction from professional leaders in the industry

PAY AS YOU GO



Pay per individual course as you register.

AVERAGE COURSE TUITION

\$645-695 PER (4.5 UNIT) COURSE

*Learn more about [tuition assistance](#).

CAREER INFORMATION



IN-DEMAND FIELD

Jobs are projected to grow at a rate of 13% over the next 5 years.



STRONG EARNING POTENTIAL

Median Salary **\$83,255**



VARIETY OF JOBS TO CHOOSE FROM

- Classroom Teacher
- Educator
- Elementary Education Teacher
- TK Teacher



SKILLS FOR SUCCESS

- Active Listening
- Critical Thinking
- Social Perceptiveness



REALITY CHECK. WHAT YOU WILL DO ON THE JOB.

- Establish rules or policies governing student behavior
- Apply multiple teaching methods
- Modify teaching methods or materials to accommodate student needs
- Discuss problems or issues with supervisors, parents or guardians
- Develop Instructional objectives



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STUDY PLAN

Our certificate programs are designed to be flexible, allowing you the option to take just a few courses or earn the complete certificate. If choosing to complete the certificate, we recommend you get the most out of your experience by following the suggested completion path below.

Required Courses		
QUARTER		UNITS
1	Transitional Kindergarten: Child Growth and Development EDUC X444.A	4.5
	Diversity and Responsive Teaching in a Transitional Kindergarten Classroom EDUC X444.B	4.5
2	Home, School, and Community Collaborations for Transitional Kindergarten Teachers EDUC X444.C	4.5
	Language, Literacy and Support for Preschool English Learners EDUC X444.D	4.5
3	The Transitional Kindergarten Curriculum EDUC X444.E	4.5
	Intentional Teacher Engagement in a Transitional Kindergarten Classroom EDUC X444.F	4.5
4	Observation and Assessment in a Transitional Kindergarten Classroom EDUC X444.G	4.5
	Practicum and Coaching for Transitional Kindergarten Teachers EDUC X444.H	4.5

ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR NEXT STEP?

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