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# TEACHING IN ECC SETTINGS

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- Understand how relationships affect children's behavior and development
- Discover the connections between home, school, and community and their effects on children's learning
- Learn key methods for integrating developmentally appropriate experiences and best practices through research-based curriculum

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# TEACHING IN EARLY CHILD CARE SETTINGS

HYBRID PROGRAM

“Taking part in UCR Extension’s Early Care, Education and Development Program was one of the greatest decisions I made on my path to becoming a Child Psychologist. It gave me direction, helped me achieve goals and become a better person. This program also helped me to give the best guidance and help to my own children.”

—Sarahi Alvarenga

## FOSTER A STRONG BEGINNING

The life experiences in the early years of a child’s life are fundamental in setting the pace for their future. Providing developmentally and age-appropriate learning tools is crucial to teacher preparation. Children require guidance and instruction from knowledgeable adults in order to understand the learning beneath the surface. Enrolling in the Professional Program in Teaching in Early Child Care Settings will equip you with the skills to become an exceptional child care provider and provide strategies to create an enriched educational experience for young children.

Recently revised, the Professional Program in Teaching in Early Child Care Settings provides a range of coursework designed in line with the California Child Development Permit Matrix, CDE Foundations of Preschool Learning, California and federal child care regulations. You will gain knowledge from a historical perspective of the early childhood field, while studying specific topics such as curricular approaches, child observation and assessment, developmentally appropriate practices, relationships between home, school and community and ways to recognize and prevent child abuse. Best practices for working with a diverse student population are emphasized through the training program.

As children prepare to enter kindergarten, the list of what’s expected of them is complex. From their first day of school, children need to be ready to learn. This journey of discovery is enhanced by well-trained teachers. Advance your knowledge in early care, education and development by learning the skills necessary to guide children on the road to success.

### WHAT YOU’LL LEARN

- An overview of early childhood education with focus on the interrelationships among the child’s environment and their physical, emotional, cognitive and social development
- Methods for integrating developmentally appropriate experiences and best practices through research-based curricula
- How relationships affect children’s behavior and development
- The connections between home, school and community and their effects on the learning of children in different contexts

### WHO CAN BENEFIT

Individuals who plan to become a preschool teacher or early care and education professional, apply for an Assistant, Associate Teacher or Teacher Child Development Permit, and/or pursue an associate degree in Child Development.

### ADMISSION

The Professional Program in Teaching in Early Child Care Settings is open to anyone who is interested in providing care in early child care settings. Individuals not pursuing a certificate may enroll in any course with department and instructor approval, and if all prerequisites have been met.

### HOW TO EARN THIS CERTIFICATE

Individuals must successfully complete 25.5-27.5 quarter units, with a grade of C or better.

### REQUIRED COURSES

**AN INTRODUCTION TO EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES – CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT**  
4.5 UNITS EDUC X80

**THE ROLE OF HOME, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION** 4.5 UNITS EDUC X81

**DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION** 4.5 UNITS EDUC X82

**PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF TEACHING YOUNG CHILDREN** 4.5 UNITS EDUC X80.01

**TEACHING IN A DIVERSE SOCIETY**  
4.5 UNITS EDUC X81.92

### ELECTIVE COURSES

**PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION** 3 UNITS EDUC X86

**EDUCATION AND CARE OF THE INFANT**  
5 UNITS EDUC X88.63

- This program can typically be completed within one to two years.

### PROGRAM INFORMATION

Prices, requirements and courses are subject to change.

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