



University Extension  
Professional Studies

# FOSTER A STRONG BEGINNING

## Professional Certificate for the Early Childhood Education Teacher



**The early years of a child's life are fundamental in shaping their overall development.** Become part of their story by developing the essential skills and knowledge needed to promote a sound, well-structured beginning.

Build the skills to become a qualified classroom teacher through research-based, culturally sensitive, and developmentally appropriate curriculum. Building from the ground up, you will acquire best practices aligned with the Teaching Performance Standards, while allowing you to map courses into stackable units and opportunities for career advancement. Learn how to incorporate age and developmentally appropriate curricula in order to ensure that the emotional, social, creative, physical and cognitive needs of children are met for a successful outcome.

### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

Effective methods for engaging and supporting children in development and learning

Best practices in creating and maintaining effective environments

Ways to organize content knowledge

How to synthesize planning instruction and designing developmental and learning experiences



**TOTAL UNITS**  
36.5



**TUITION**  
\$2,800



**COMPLETION TIME**  
12-24 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

**\$300-350 PER (4.5 UNIT) COURSE**

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

## CAREER INFORMATION



### IN-DEMAND FIELD

Jobs are projected to grow at a rate of 11% over the next 5 years.



### STRONG EARNING POTENTIAL

Median Salary **\$32,710**



### VARIETY OF JOBS TO CHOOSE FROM

- Child Development Teacher
- Lead Teacher
- Assistant Teacher
- Master Teacher
- Early Childhood Teacher



### SKILLS FOR SUCCESS

- Active Listening
- Critical Thinking
- Social Perceptiveness



### REALITY CHECK. WHAT YOU WILL DO ON THE JOB.

- Teach life skills
- Provide for basic needs of children
- Set up classroom materials
- Establish rules or policies for student behavior
- Modify teaching methods to accommodate student needs

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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	An Introduction to Early Childhood Studies: Child Growth and Development <b>EDUC X85.A</b>	4.5
2	Role of Home, School and Community in Early Childhood Education <b>EDUC X85.B</b>	4.5
	Developmentally Appropriate Curriculum in Early Childhood Education <b>EDUC X85.C</b>	4.5
3	Health, Safety, and Nutrition in Early Childhood Education <b>EDUC X85.D</b>	4.5
4	Principles and Practices of Teaching Young Children <b>EDUC X85.E</b>	4.5
	Observation and Assessment of Children's Social and Learning Development <b>EDUC X85.F</b>	4.5
5	Supervised Field Experience for Early Childhood Education <b>EDUC X85.H</b>	5
	Teaching Young Children in a Diverse Society <b>EDUC X85.G</b>	4.5

## ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR NEXT STEP?

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