



University Extension
Professional Studies

NURTURE CHILD DEVELOPMENT FROM THE START

Professional Certificate in Infant and Toddler Care for Educators



Give children the strongest start by becoming a specialized early childhood educator. The Professional Certificate in Infant and Toddler Care for Educators prepares you to meet the developmental, emotional, and educational needs of children from birth to age three—when every moment matters.

This program is designed for educators and caregivers working in family childcare, center-based settings, or home visiting programs. You'll gain the knowledge and tools to provide nurturing, developmentally appropriate care while fulfilling Title 22 requirements for licensed facilities. The program also qualifies as six specialization units toward the California Child Development Permit at the Master Teacher Level.

Gain practical experience through case studies, observations, and hands-on projects while building expertise in child development, family engagement, curriculum design, and inclusive care. Shape a child's future—and your own career in early education.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

Understand developmental milestones from birth to age 3

Create responsive, age-appropriate learning environments

Apply key theories to support social, emotional, and cognitive growth

Recognize and challenge bias in early learning environments

Partner with families through clear and effective communication

Meet California's Title 22 and Title 5 regulatory requirements



TOTAL UNITS
14



TUITION
\$1,240



COMPLETION TIME
9 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.

COURSE TUITION RANGE
\$395 TO \$450 PER 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 (14 units)		
QUARTER		UNITS
1	Infant and Toddler Development EDUC X87.45	4.5
2	Infant and Toddler Developmentally Appropriate Classroom Practices EDUC X87.46	4.5
3	Education and Care of Infants and Toddlers EDUC X88.63	5

ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR NEXT STEP?

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