

ASSOCIATE TEACHER, CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

The Associate Teacher Certificate is designed to prepare students to become effective teachers for young children between 0 and 5 years of age, and meets entry-level professional requirements for employment in some licensed early childhood programs. The Associate Teacher Certificate also fulfills the coursework requirements to be an Associate Teacher in the California Child Development Permit Matrix.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, students will be able to:

- Understand and apply knowledge of child development theories and principles, encompassing children’s physical, intellectual, social, and emotional development that recognizes various contexts that influence children as individuals and plan for all children’s developmental needs from both an individualized and group perspective.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the foundations of teaching and learning through curriculum for young children, including dual-language learners and children with special needs.

Certificate of Achievement Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Required Core		
ECED 1	Child Growth and Development	3
ECED 51	Principles and Practices of Teaching Young Children	3
ECED 55	Child, Family, and Community	3
ECED 80	Introduction to Curriculum	3
Total Units		12

Please refer to the graduation requirements section of the Catalog for information about degree and certificate requirements including Reading and Writing, Mathematics, Information Competency, and General Education requirements.

The model sequence of coursework below is one pathway for students to complete the program. The information below is not an official educational plan. An MPC Counselor can assist you with creating a personalized education plan based on your academic, career, and personal goals. Visit MPC’s Counseling website for more information about Counseling and up-to-date program requirements.

Year 1		
Fall		Units
ECED 1	Child Growth and Development	3
ECED 2	Observation and Assessment	3
ECED 55	Child, Family, and Community	3
ECED 80	Introduction to Curriculum	3
Units		12
Total Units		12

MPC “Ready to Work” Career Education programs offer students the opportunity to gain knowledge and skills needed for employment and job advancement.

All students should consult with a Counselor to discuss career pathways, for support with career exploration and planning, and to create a personalized education plan to help them meet their academic, career, and personal goals. Visit MPC’s Counseling website for more information about Counseling services provided by MPC and to connect with a Counselor.

Additional resources are available through MPC’s Career & Transfer Resource Center (CTRC). The CTRC offers career resources, workshops, guidance and referrals. Visit the CTRC for support finding online career information and other resources to explore majors, occupations, and employment information.