***Teacher Education and Development Studies***

***Associate Teacher Low-Unit Certificate***

The Associate Teacher Certificate is designed to be the first step toward obtaining entry-level employment in the field of Early Childhood Education in a preschool or child care setting. The Associate Teacher Certificate requires 12 core Child Development and Education units. This Certificate meets California Title 5 requirements for the Child Development Associate Teacher Permit.

Applications can be obtained through the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing Office. Meets Title 22 requirements for working in a child care center working with preschool-aged children 101216.1.

***Please see a Pathways Counselor:*** Create an education plan customized to meet your needs. [Contact a Counselor](https://www.msjc.edu/hub/)

Transfer Majors/Award Focus

* Child and Adolescent Development, A.A.-T CSUSM, UC
* Early Childhood Education, A.S.-T CSU
* Elementary Teacher Education, A.A.-T CSU, UC
* Early Intervention and Inclusion, A.S.

GE Pattern/Units

* GE Pattern: n/a
* Total Units: 12**Certificates**
* Associate Teacher Low-Unit
* Early Intervention and Inclusion
* Infant Toddler Teacher Low-Unit
* Teacher

**Program maps** indicate the major coursework and recommended general education courses to fulfill your degree in 2 years (approximately 15 units/semester or 30 units/year). If you are a part-time student, start Semester 1 courses and follow the course sequence. Some of the courses listed may be substituted by another course. Please view these options in the official course [catalog](https://catalog.msjc.edu/instructional-programs/).

***Semester 1 12 Units***

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| a | COURSE | TITLE | UNIT |
| c | CDE-110 | Child Development | 3 |
| c | CDE-101 | Principles of Early Childhood Education | 3 |
| c | CDE-125 | Child, Family and Community | 3 |
| c | CDE-103 | Appropriate Curricula for Young Children 1 | 3 |

1Note: take in the second 8 weeks

Career Options

Preschool Teacher (A)

Elementary Education Teacher (B)

Early Childhood Education Administrator (A)

Find more careers: [msjc.emsicc.com](http://msjc.emsicc.com)

Required Education: SM: some college; C: Certificate; A: Associate, B: Bachelor’s, M: Master’s; D: Doctorate

Financial Aid

Financial aid is determined by the number of credit hours you take in a semester. Maximize your financial aid by taking 12-15 units per semester.

Work Experience

Sign up for a special project or internship opportunity. Gain [work experience](https://msjc.edu/careereducation/cwee/index.html) and earn credits.