



Early Childhood Education Birth Through Second Grade

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1. Complete the general requirements for all educator licenses: [General License Requirements](#)
2. Bachelor's or more advanced degree from an accredited college/university; and
3. Twenty-seven (27) semester credits of coursework in early childhood education for children who are developing typically and atypically consisting of three (3) semester credits in each of the following, with instruction in assessment and evaluation embedded in all required courses:
 - a. Child development and learning
 - b. Language and literacy
 - c. Mathematics
 - d. Science
 - e. Social Studies
 - f. Strategies for working with children with disabilities
 - g. Classroom management, which must include, without limitation, positive discipline and guidance and social, emotional, and academic development
 - h. Culturally and linguistically responsive pedagogy
 - i. Play theory and creativity
4. Eight (8) semester credits of supervised student teaching in a program of early childhood education involving pupils from birth through grade 2. In lieu of completing eight (8) semester credits of student teaching, a person may have one (1) year or verifiable experience teaching pupils in a program of early childhood education conducted by a public school, a public agency, or a licensed private school.

Pathway for educators who hold a current, valid, non-alternative Elementary Education license:

1. Bachelor's or more advanced degree from an accredited college/university; and
2. Experience teaching pupils under six (six) years of age that consists of:
 - a. Eight (8) semester credits of student teaching OR
 - b. One (1) year of verifiable experience teaching pupils in a program of early childhood education conducted by a public school, a public agency, or a licensed private school OR
 - c. An equivalent field experience or practicum conducted by an accredited college or university

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3. Six (6) semester credits of coursework in early childhood education consisting of courses in any of the following subjects:
 - a. Early childhood curriculum
 - b. Emergent language and literacy
 - c. Play theory and creativity

4. Six (6) additional semester credits of courses in any of the courses described in section 4 or in any of the following subjects:
 - a. Child development and learning
 - b. Culturally and linguistically responsive pedagogy
 - c. Classroom management, which must include, without limitation, positive discipline and guidance and social, emotional, and academic development