



LA Mission College Career Center

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

MAJOR SHEETS

SKILLS

(things you will learn or use)

- Write effectively and legibly
- Use hands to reach for things
- Lift children weighing up to 25 pounds
- See and use color discrimination
- Move often from one task to another using different skills

INTEREST

- Teaching or training others
- Use words to communicate well with and instruct children
- Use numbers and basic math skills
- Use physical coordination to stoop, stand, and move around a lot
- Use eye-hand coordination

WHAT IS EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION?

Early Childhood is designed for individuals who desire to serve in public and private programs serving infants through age five and in transitional kindergarten through third grade classrooms. This concentration also strengthens Elementary Teachers' understanding of developmental, social, academic, and cultural needs particularly in the early childhood/primary setting. There are several types of programs that represent early childhood education. They are also known by a variety of names, including preschool and pre-kindergarten (pre-K). One of the first early childhood education initiatives in the United States was the Head Start program, started in 1965.

LAMC DEGREES & CERTIFICATES OFFERED

- **Associates of Arts for Transfer (AA-T) Early Childhood Education**
- **Associates of Arts in Child Development**
- **Associates of Arts in Child Development: Dual Language Learning**
- **Associates of Arts in Child Development: Family Child Care**
- **Associates of Arts in Child Development: Infant and toddler**
- **Associates of Arts in Child Development: Preschool**
- **Associates of Arts in Child Development: School-Age Care**
- **Associates of Arts in Child Development: Special Needs**
- **Certificate of Achievement in Child Development**
- **Certificate of Achievement in Child Development Administration**
- **Certificate of Achievement in Child Development Core**
- **Certificate of Achievement in Child Development: Preschool**
- **Certificate of Achievement in Child Development: Dual Language Learning**
- **Certificate of Achievement in Child Development: Infant and Toddler**
- **Certificate of Achievement in Child Development: School-Age Care**
- **Certificate of Achievement in Child Development: Family Child Care**
- **Certificate of Achievement in Child Development: Special Needs**
- **Certificate of Accomplishment in Child Development Administration: Family Child Care**

TRANSFER RELATED MAJORS

- **Fresno State: Child and Family Science**
- **San Jose State: Child and Adolescent Development**
- **San Diego State: Child Development**
- **CSU Los Angeles: Child Development**
- **CSU Fullerton: Child and Adolescent Studies**
- **CSU Long Beach: Child Development and Family Services**
- **CSU Northridge: Child and Adolescent Development**



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WORK ENVIRONMENT

- Often in pleasant surroundings that are well lighted, heated, and ventilated, where others may work in crowded facilities
- Outdoors, during play period activities
- Day-care centers may be located in a small house or building with a playground

WEBSITE RESOURCES

www.lamission.edu/careercenter
<http://www.lamission.edu/Child-and-Family-Studies/Child-Development-Center.aspx>
www.assist.org
www.salary.com
<https://uncw.edu/career/whatcanidowithamajorin.html>
www.careerzone.org
<http://degrees.calstate.edu/>
https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/files/undergraduate_majors_list.pdf

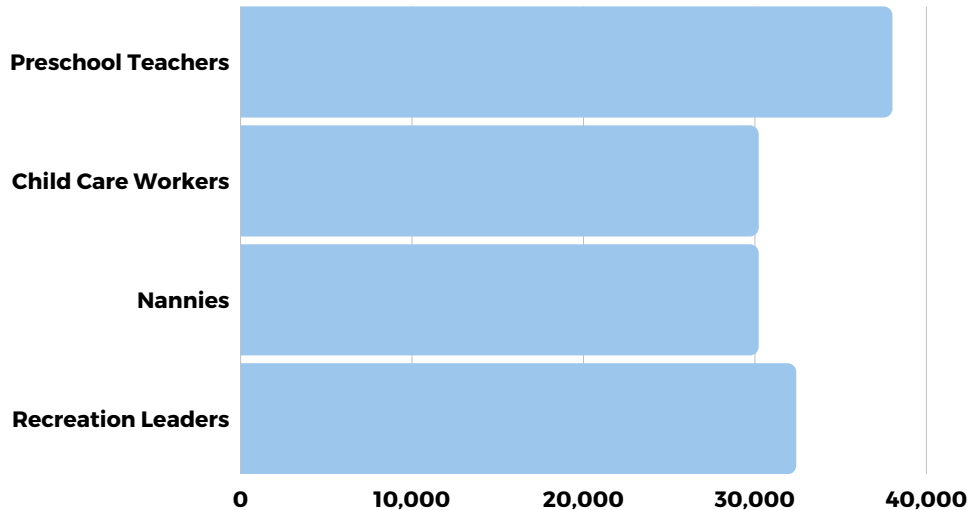
POTENTIAL JOB TITLES

- Teacher
- Student Affairs Administrator
- Curriculum Developer
- Literacy Developer
- Publisher
- Family Child Care
- Child Care Workers
- Preschool Teacher
- Administration Planner
- Nannies
- Recreation Leaders

POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS

- Early Childhood Programs
- Head Start
- Adult Education Programs
- K-12 Schools
- Foster Youth Agencies
- Boards of Education
- Consulting Firms

*EARNINGS



*Earning can vary by occupation and experience. The following are average annual wages as of 2019 in California based on California Career Zone <https://www.careerzone.org/>