



What Can I Do With a Major in... **Early Childhood Education**

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 in 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.

Potential Employers

- ❖ Early Childhood Programs
- ❖ Head Start
- ❖ Unified School Districts
- ❖ Foundations of Child Development
- ❖ Universities or Colleges
- ❖ Health and Safety Organizations
- ❖ Government Agencies
- ❖ Adult Education Programs
- ❖ K-12 Schools
- ❖ Extended School Programs
- ❖ Foster Youth Agencies
- ❖ Adoption Agencies
- ❖ Boards of Education
- ❖ Consulting Firms

Possible Job Titles

- ❖ Preschool Teacher
- ❖ Family Child Care Provider
- ❖ Infant/Toddler Teacher
- ❖ Early Childhood Educator
- ❖ Consultant
- ❖ English as a Second Language Tutor/Teacher
- ❖ Literacy Developer
- ❖ School/University Staff
- ❖ Publisher

- ❖ Social Worker
- ❖ Manager
- ❖ Research and Writing Teacher
- ❖ Administration Planner
- ❖ Lobbyist
- ❖ Public Relations Specialist
- ❖ Fundraiser Administrator
- ❖ Counselor
- ❖ Trainer
- ❖ Life Skills Therapist
- ❖ Human Resource Rep.

- ❖ Teacher
- ❖ Research Analyst
- ❖ Student Affairs Administrator
- ❖ Information and Library Services
- ❖ School Psychologist
- ❖ Superintendent
- ❖ Principal
- ❖ Guidance Counselor
- ❖ Audiology and Speech Pathologist
- ❖ Curriculum Developer

How This Major Helps You Move Forward:

Skills Learned in This Major:

- ❖ Observe and assess development of young children
- ❖ Develop strong communication skills to build respectful relationships with parents
- ❖ Develop cultural sensitivity and responsiveness to young children and their families
- ❖ Develop professionalism and demonstrate patience with children
- ❖ Develop physical stamina to work well with children
- ❖ Develop research and writing skills
- ❖ Obtain experience in advocacy

Additional Information can be found at:

www.assist.org
www.salary.com
www.uncw.edu/career/WhatCanIDoWithaMajorIn.html
www.cacareerzone.org
www.lamission.edu/careercenter

CSU/UC Related Transfer Major Degree Options:

- ❖ **CSUN:** Child and Adolescent Development B.A. (with options in Applied Developmental Science & Early Childhood Development)
- ❖ **CSULA:** Child Development B.A. (with options in Elementary Subject Matter and General Option)
- ❖ **CSU Dominguez Hills:** Child Development B.S. (with concentrations in Counseling and Family Services, Early Teaching and Learning, Juvenile Delinquency, Management and Administration)
- ❖ ... and more!

Go to www.assist.org to see universities that offer these majors

CSU/UC Graduate Degree Options:

- ❖ **CSU LA:** Early Childhood M. Ed
- ❖ **CSU San Jose State:** Child & Adolescent Development MA
- ❖ **UC Davis:** Multidisciplinary MS

This is **general information**. For specific information on majors and careers please see a counselor in the Career Center – Claudia Ramirez (818)833-3403 ; careercenter@lamission.edu