

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. Some courses require students to observe children in licensed care settings. Some settings may require TB, proof of immunizations, and Criminal Record Clearance.

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Program Map Design Your Future!

Begin by exploring MSJC program maps to find career or transfer (<https://msjc.emsicc.com/?radius=®ion=All%20Regions>) opportunities. Program maps show the recommended course sequence that leads to graduation or transfer. The maps were developed by program experts to give you the skills and knowledge you need to succeed.

- **Starting in Spring?** Choose Fall Semester 1 courses.
- **Are you a part-time student?** Start Fall Semester 1 courses and follow the course sequence.

Fall Semester 1		Units
CDE-110	Child Development	3
CDE-101	Principles of Early Childhood Education	3
CDE-125	Child, Family and Community	3
CDE-103	Appropriate Curricula for Young Children ¹	3
Units		12
Total Units		12

¹ NOTE: take in the second 8 weeks

Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
CDE-101	Principles of Early Childhood Education	3
CDE-103	Appropriate Curricula for Young Children	3
CDE-110	Child Development	3
or CDE-110H	Honors Child Development	
CDE-125	Child, Family and Community	3
or CDE-125H	Honors Child, Family and Community	
Total Units		12

Career Exploration

Discover information about careers that interest you!

1. Take a **Career Quiz** (<https://msjc.emsicc.com/assessment/>) to learn about yourself and receive career suggestions based on your interests.
2. Search available **in-demand jobs** (<https://msjc.emsicc.com/browse-careers/>) in your career areas of interest and find up-to-date salaries and education requirements.
3. Find the **MSJC Program** (<https://msjc.emsicc.com/browse-programs/>) that connects your interests to a career.

Note: There are no guaranteed positions for students completing these programs. Education and work experience required will vary by employer. The salary and benefits for specific occupations will be dependent on work experience, education, background, and employer.

Gainful Employment Disclosures: Associate Teacher Low Unit

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Program Name ASSOCIATE TEACHER LOW UNIT

This program is designed to be completed in 4 months.

This program will cost \$552 if completed within normal time. There may be additional costs for living expenses. These costs were accurate at the time of posting, but may have changed.

Of the students who completed this program within normal time, the typical graduate leaves with \$ 0 of debt.

The following States do not have licensure requirements for this profession: California

For more information about graduation rates, loan repayment rates, and post-enrollment earnings about this institution and other postsecondary institutions please click here: <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>

NOTE:

Cost per unit \$46

Nonresident Fees- Tuition: \$313

Capital Outlay: \$58

Parking Permits cost \$90 a year or \$45 a semester

RTA Go Pass cost \$16 a year or \$8 a semester

SGA discount sticker (optional) - \$14 a year or \$7 a semester

Student representation fee (optional) - \$4 a year or \$2 a semester

Help a Student Fund (optional) - \$4 a year or \$2 a semester

Student Health Center Fee - \$54 a year or \$27 a semester

*For summer session fees and non-CA resident tuition, please see:

<https://www.msjc.edu/enroll/what-fees-do-i-have-to-pay.html>