

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT IN TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN (TK)

The Certificate of Achievement requirements include completion of the certificate courses with a “C” or better grade in each course. Required and support courses may be substituted with the approval of the Consumer Family Studies Division Chair.

This certificate provides students with the requisite coursework to teach in the Transitional Kindergarten (TK) setting. The courses offered in this TK Certificate will prepare students to specifically work with four and five-year-old children, with an emphasis on the California Preschool Learning Foundations and how to create a developmentally appropriate environment for young children. This certificate meets the California 24-unit requirement in early childhood education for PK-3 credentialed teachers.

Program Outcomes

- Demonstrate ability to plan, implement and evaluate developmentally appropriate curriculum to support the development and learning of young children enrolled in a TK program.
- Demonstrate knowledge of culturally and linguistically relevant curriculum and approaches to support children and their families in a TK program, including incorporation of the California Preschool Learning Foundations.
- Observe and assess the knowledge, learning, and progress of TK children as it relates to the five learning domains (social-emotional, language, fine motor, gross motor, cognitive).

Career Opportunities

Upon successful completion of this certificate, students will be prepared for further education or future employment in the following fields: Transitional Kindergarten teacher, Preschool Teacher, Kindergarten-3rd grade teacher. This certificate meets the 24-unit requirement for students who intend to transfer and attempt achievement of a California PK-3 credential.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Units
REQUIRED CERTIFICATE COURSES		21
CHLD 039	Child Development-DS 1	3
CHLD 042	Child, Family & Society-DS2	3
CHLD 126	Observation and Assessment - DS3	3
CHLD 134	Understanding Child Abuse	3
CHLD 152	School-Age Child Care-DS5	3
CHLD 154	Introduction to Children with Special Needs	3
CHLD 158	Teaching in a Diverse Society	3
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RESTRICTED ELECTIVES		3
Select three units from the following courses:		
CHLD 140	Principles of Early Childhood Education - DS3	3
CHLD 146	Curriculum and Strategies for Children with Special Needs	3
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TOTAL		24