

# PRESCHOOL TEACHER, ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE

Financial Aid Eligible  
Banner Code: 1\_AS\_ECPT  
Control Number: 11641

A certificate is earned by students who have developed skills necessary to work as teachers of preschool children in early childhood settings. Courses emphasize strong theoretical and practical skills needed to work with children 2-5 years. Courses fulfill Title 22 licensing requirements and Title 5 early childhood education course requirements for the Child Development Permit at the teacher level.

Complete the Preschool Teacher Certificate of Achievement and the Associate in Science graduation requirements as outlined in the Graduation Requirements section of the catalog.

## Program Outcome

1. The objective of the program is to meet the needs of the local child care programs by preparing students for entry level employment as a professional and competent preschool teacher.

## Associate in Science Degree Requirements

1. **UNIT REQUIREMENT** - 60 UNITS, with at least a 2.0 grade point average. At least 12 of the units must be earned at OCC, with a minimum of one course taken for a letter grade. At least 3 units in an advanced course from the program must be completed at OCC. A student must be enrolled at the time of application for graduation. Units earned at an accredited college or university on a credit/no credit basis will be counted toward the degree requirements of the college, to a maximum of 15 units.
2. **MAJOR REQUIREMENT** - Complete the AA or AS major requirements as detailed in the Degree and Certificate section of this catalog.
3. **MATHEMATICS REQUIREMENT** - Demonstrate competence in mathematics by either obtaining a satisfactory grade (grade of "C" or better or "pass") in a mathematics course at or above the level of Intermediate Algebra as demonstrated by prior coursework, or by demonstrating competency that is comparable through the completion of a college-level math course that has Intermediate Algebra as a prerequisite: Psychology A160 or Math A100 or higher, with the exception of Math A220.
4. **GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT** - Students may choose to complete Option 1 (OCC AA GE) (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/general-education-patterns/associate-arts-general-education-option-1/>), Option 1 (OCC AS GE) (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/general-education-patterns/associate-science-general-education-option-1/>), Option 2 (CSU GE) (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/general-education-patterns/associate-degree-general-education-option-2/>), or Option 3 (IGETC) (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/general-education-patterns/associate-degree-general-education-option-3/>)) (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/general-education-patterns/associate-degree-general-education-option-3/>) to satisfy the general education requirement. See

the General Education Patterns section of this catalog for more information.

Course	Title	Units
<b>Required Courses</b>		
EC A130	Language Arts for Children	3
EC A131	Creativity for Children	3
EC A132	Science and Math for Young Children	3
EC A155	Principles & Practices of Teaching Young Children	3
EC A156	Early Childhood Laboratory	2
EC A157	Guidance for Young Children	3
EC A165	Observing and Recording Child Behavior	3
EC A200	Early Childhood Programs-The Curriculum	3
EC A201	Early Childhood Practicum - Field Experience	3
HMDV A180	Child Growth and Development	3
HMDV A190	Family, School, and Community Partnerships	3
Select one of the following:		3
EC A126	Teaching in a Diverse Society	
EC A127	Health, Safety, and Nutrition	
HMDV A210	Introduction to the Exceptional Child	
Select two of the following:		1-2.5
EC A199	Current Issues in Early Childhood	
EC A261	Learning Title 22	
EC A262	Disaster Preparedness for Child Care	
EC A263	Child Abuse I.D. and Referral	
EC A277	Adult Supervision in Early Childhood Programs	
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>36-37.5</b>
<b>Requirement</b>		
<b>Program Major Units</b>		<b>36-37.5</b>
AS General Education Option 1, 2, or 3		Varies
Transferable electives to satisfy unit requirement		Varies
<b>Total Degree Units</b>		<b>60</b>