

TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN, CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

The Transitional Kindergarten Certificate of Achievement is designed for students who intend to work in transitional kindergarten and early education. Students who complete the program of study will develop the subject matter knowledge, skills, and professional competencies to teach effectively in the transitional kindergarten. According to California Education Code, any credentialed teacher assigned to teach TK, or a combination class of kindergarten and TK, will need to earn at least 24 units in child development/early childhood education.

To earn the Transitional Kindergarten Certificate of Achievement, students must complete 24 units of specialized coursework, including: Human Development (3 units), Principles and Practices of Early Childhood Education (3 units), Observation and Assessment (3 units), Strategies for Working with Challenging Behaviors (3 units), California Curriculum Foundations and Frameworks Courses (1 unit each/10 units total) and Reflective Practice (2 units).

Year 1		
Fall Semester		Units/Hours
CD M02	Human Development: Infancy through Adolescence	3
CD M11	Principles and Practices in Early Childhood Education	3
CD M71	CA Preschool Foundations and Frameworks: Language and Literacy	1
CD M70	CA Preschool Foundations and Frameworks: Social and Emotional Development	1
Units/Hours		8
Spring Semester		
CD M16	Strategies for Working with Challenging Behaviors	3
CD M72	CA Preschool Foundations and Frameworks: English Language Development	1
CD M78	CA Preschool Foundations & Frameworks: History/Social Science	1
Units/Hours		5
Year 2		
Fall Semester		
CD M04	Observation and Assessment	2
CD M04L	Observation and Assessment Laboratory	1
CD M73	CA Preschool Foundations and Frameworks: Mathematics	1
CD M74	CA Preschool Foundations and Frameworks: Visual Arts	1
CD M75	CA Preschool Foundations and Frameworks: Performing Arts	1
Units/Hours		6
Spring Semester		
CD M18	Reflective Practice Seminar	2
CD M76	CA Preschool Foundations and Frameworks: Physical Development	1
CD M77	CA Preschool Foundations and Frameworks: Health	1
CD M79	CA Preschool Foundations and Frameworks: Science	1
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Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- effectively select, apply, and evaluate a variety of instructional strategies, including purposeful play, to support students' learning and development in transitional kindergarten.