Social Sciences Pathway
Early Childhood Education Cert

The certificate will provide students with the knowledge and skills needed to work with children, birth through age 8, and their families in various settings, including child care centers, Head Start programs, family care settings, preschools, and public schools as early childhood teaching assistants. This certificate, plus experience, meets the qualification requirement for director of a child care center as specified in the New Mexico child care facilities licensing regulations.

Fall

Course	Credits
ECED 1110: Child Growth, Development and Learning	3
MATH 1215: Intermediate Algebra	3
ENGL 1110: Composition I	3
ECED 2110: Professionalism	2

Spring

Course	Credits
ECED 2115: Introduction to Language, Literacy and Reading	3
ECED 1120: Guiding Young Children	3
ENGL 1120: Composition II	3

Summer

Course	Credits
ECED 1125: Assessment of Children and Evaluation of Programs	3

Fall

Course	Credits
ECED 2120+2121: Curriculum Development through Play-Birth through age 4 + Lab	3 2
ECED 1130: Family and Community Collaboration I	3
MATH 1118: Mathematics for Elementary and Middle School Teachers	3

Spring

Course	Credits
ECED 1115: Health, Safety, and Nutrition	2
ECED 2130+2131: Curriculum Development through Play - Age 3 through Grade 3 + Lab	5
MATH 2118: Math for Elementary and Middle School Teachers III	3

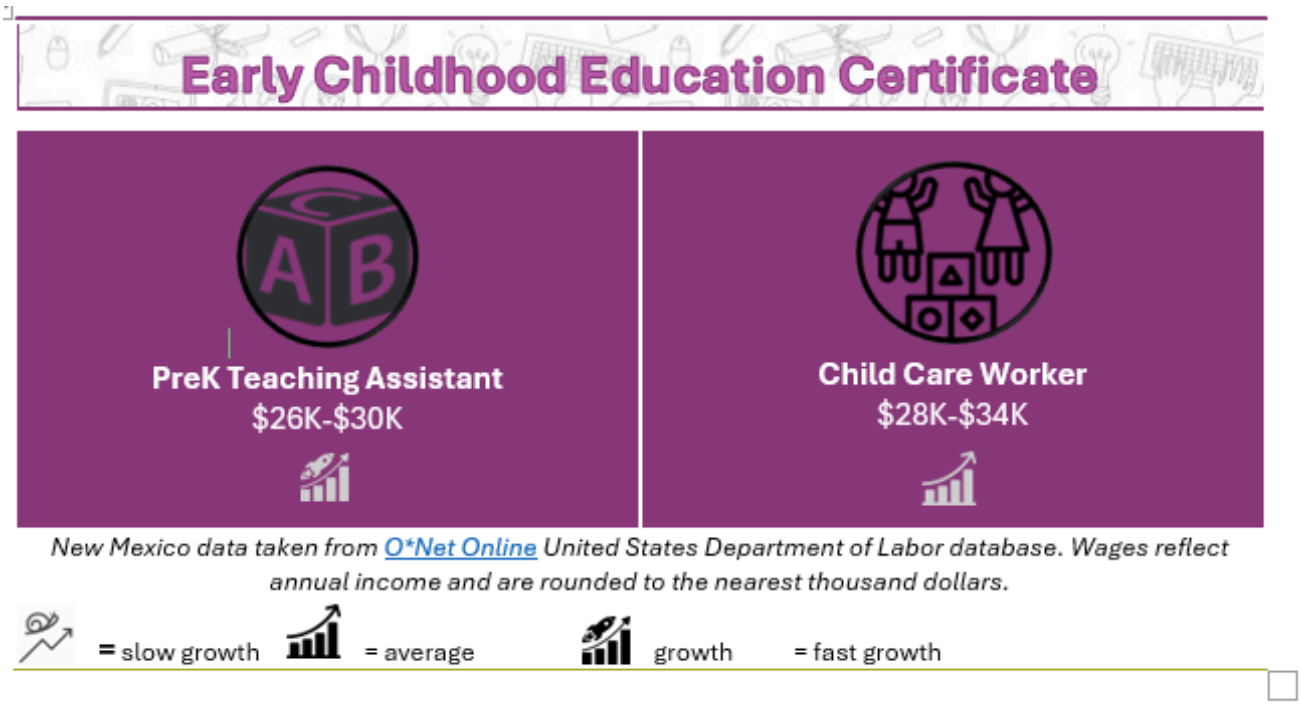
Total Program Credit Hours, including 6 prerequisite credit hours = 44

- Meet with your Academic Success Coach
- Apply for FAFSA by October 1st
- Meet with Financial Aid Apply for scholarships
- Meet with your Faculty Mentor
- Apply for graduation and/or transfer

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Career and Educational Advancement Opportunities

The degree addresses the seven general early childhood education competency areas required as partial fulfillment of the New Mexico Department of Education licensure in early childhood education (birth to third grade). In addition, all course work can be applied toward a bachelor's degree. The Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education leads to licensure by the state for public school teachers working with children from birth through age eight who are developing both typically and atypically.



For questions or to schedule a time to meet with an Advisor/Academic Success Coach about this program contact: Advisement at 505.925-8907. Map Current as of the 2026-2027 Academic Year.