

Career Pathways

Entry Level Positions

(with high school diploma and 9 Units of college credit in Child Development—Child Development Permit)

- Assistant Teacher
- Instructional Aide
- Child Care Workers
- Nannie
- After School Program Aide
- Youth Minister
- Paraprofessional (TK-12)

Technical Positions

- Teacher (Except Special Education)
- Associate Teachers
- Site Supervisor

Professional Positions

- Child, Family and School Social Worker
- Early Education Teacher
- TK and Kindergarten Teacher
- Special Education Teachers
- Early Education Administrator
- Early Intervention
- Occupational and Physical Therapist
- Speech and Language Pathologist
- Marriage and Family Counselor
- Nurse and/or Pediatrician
- Family Support Specialist

MCOE ROP Training Programs

Automotive Technology
Construction Technology (MC3)
Culinary Essentials
Foundations in Early Education
Medical Assisting
Medical Office Administration
Professional Truck Driving

Regional Occupational Program

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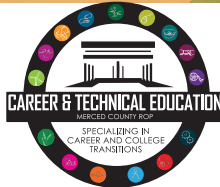
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Foundations in Early Education



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Program Description

Foundations in Early Education is designed to develop the skills necessary to work in the early education and the education industry sectors. The program studies the growth and development patterns of children from prenatal through adolescence including physical, cognitive, language, social, and emotional growth and developments as well as the influence of family, peers, school/childcare, media, community and culture, on children.



The Structure of the Program Includes:

- Open Entry-Open Exit (monthly)
- 26 week program-32 hours per week (832 hours total)
- Site placement working with children ages birth to three years old.

Program Highlights

Program Instruction

- Course content examines essential policies, principles, and practices that leads to quality care and developmentally appropriate curriculum for young children
- Study of Child Development theories and best practices
- Understanding of developmental milestones and growth patterns of typical and atypical children
- Experience observing and documenting children's developmental progression.
- Hands-on experiences working directly with young children
- Earn Infant and Toddler Specialization Certificate
- Earn up to 9 units of college credit in child development



Key Instructional Methods Include:

- Self-paced
- Guided lessons and hands-on activities
- Small and whole group discussions
- Videos, reading, writing and computers use
- Cooperative and supportive learning
- Community classroom training

What is Merced County ROP?

ROP stands for Regional Occupational Program. ROP provides occupational training programs directly related to a student's career interest area.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Merced County Office of Education Regional Occupational Program is to prepare adult students with relevant, high quality career training to secure sustainable employment and advancement.

ROP Goals

- Develop technical, and interpersonal skills
- Secure successful employment
- Upgrade academic and employment skills
- Enter advanced career-technical training
- Pursue college related courses

Admission Requirements

- All students must be at least 18 years of age
- Recommended 8th grade reading and math levels
- Possession of a High School Diploma, Equivalency Diploma or GED
- Prior to site placement, students must provide proof of:
 - Live Scan: Submission of electronic fingerprints
 - Negative tuberculosis test
 - Pertussis vaccination(Tdap)
 - Measles (MMR immunization)
 - Influenza, Covid vaccinations or exemption status