There are many pathways to becoming an educator. Here's a quick guide to...

PK-3 Early Childhood Education (ECE) Specialist Instruction Credential - CA

The PK-3 Early Childhood Education (ECE) Specialist Instruction Credential authorizes the holder to teach all subjects in a self-contained general education classroom setting in grades preschool through grade three, including Transitional Kindergarten CTC - PK-3 ECE Credential



Bachelor's degree

Subject Matter Competency

- A. Possession of a bachelor's or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education with a degree major in one of the following fields: Child Development; Child and Adolescent Development; Human Development; Early Childhood Education; Child and Family Studies; Early Childhood Studies; Family Science; Human Development and Family Science; or Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies
- B. Completion of 24 semester units or 36 quarter units of non-remedial, degree-applicable coursework at a regionally accredited institution of higher education in early childhood education and/or child development

Teacher Preparation Options

- A. Traditional Includes coursework and student teaching.
- B. Internship program Complete preservice coursework, obtain intern position with a school/district, and then complete credential courses while working as a paid teacher
- C. Residency Includes coursework and a full school year with a mentor teacher. May also include a grant-funded stipend
- D. Integrated Includes a credential and degree in one program

Teaching Performance
Assessment
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Once you receive your credential, apply through Edjoin.org or directly through the school/district

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For complete credential information and details see ctc.ca.gov/credentials

TIPS!

If your degree is from outside the US, you must have your transcripts evaluated by an approved agency. <u>CTC - Foreign</u> Transcript Evaluation.

See <u>sdcoe.net/credentials</u> if you hold a credential from out-of-state/country.

Keep in mind that not all teacher preparation options may be available in your region of CA.

SDCOE PK-3 Intern Credential Program sdcoe.net/teacherprep

Certificate of Clearance (fingerprinting/background check) is required before student teaching.

The school/district will let you know what level of clearance and type of fingerprints are required. SDCOE has fingerprinting services on our Linda Vista campus and in San Marcos. www.sdcoe.net/credentials