



**RIO SALADO COLLEGE**

**A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

## Early Childhood Education, Birth-Age 8/Grade 3 Arizona Certification

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### Earn Your Early Childhood Teaching Certificate Online

The Post Baccalaureate courses are designed for individuals who have a bachelor's degree or higher (in any area) from an accredited university and would like to become a certified early childhood teacher.

Students in the Early Childhood Education program are preparing to teach children from birth through 3rd grade. This program requires in-person field experiences, a 60- hour internship in an infant, toddler, preschool setting and a twelve-week student teaching experience in a K-3 classroom. Students must verify content proficiency through the passage of a state-approved content exam (AEPA/NES).

**CIPS Code: 13.1210**

**Program Prerequisite: Acceptance into the Traditional, Early Childhood, Post Baccalaureate Educator Preparation Program required.**

### Required Courses – Level 1

<b>Required Courses: All classes must meet the 3.0 overall GPA. Courses with a final grade of “D” or “F” must be retaken regardless of GPA.</b>			<b>Field Experience</b>
<b>Course #</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Hours</b>
EDU239	Structured English Immersion Grades K-8	3	0
EEP224	Childhood Development: Prenatal to Age Eight	3	20 Hours Site-based Infant/Toddler/Preschool

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EEP240	Early Childhood Foundations	3	20 Hours Site-based Preschool
EEP242	Early Childhood Guidance and Management	3	20 Hours Site-based Preschool or K-3
EEP244	Early Childhood Introduction to the Exceptional Young Child	3	20 Hours Site-based Preschool or K-3 Special Education
EEP246	Early Childhood Culture, Community, Family and the Child	3	20 Hours Site-based Infant/Toddler/Preschool
EDU268	Science of Reading Including Systematic Phonics Instruction	3	20 hours
EDU267	Reading Instructional Practices, Interventions, and Assessments	3	20 hours
POS220 <b>OR</b> POS221 <b>AND</b> POS222	U.S. and AZ Constitution (3) <b>OR</b> Arizona Constitution (1) <b>AND</b> U.S. Constitution (2)	3	0

## Required Courses – Level 2

<b>Level 2 Prerequisites: Completion of Level I and FORMAL ADMISSION to Level II. Formal admission requires a passing AEPA/NES Subject Knowledge exam score in Early Childhood.</b>			Field Experience
All classes must meet the 3.0 overall GPA. Courses with a final grade of “D” or “F” must be retaken regardless of GPA.			
Course #	Course Title	Credits	Hours
EEP260	Early Childhood Curriculum and Methods of Math – Birth to Age Eight	3	20 hours Site-based K-3
EEP262	Early Childhood Curriculum and Methods of Science – Birth to Age Eight	2	15 hours Site-based K-3
EEP264	Early Childhood Curriculum and Methods of Social Studies – Birth to Age Eight	1	10 hours Site-based K-3
EEP266	Early Childhood Curriculum and Methods in Language Arts – Birth to Age Eight	1	0
EEP268	Early Childhood Curriculum and Methods in the Arts – Birth to Age Eight	1	0
EEP276	Standards, Observation and Assessment of Typical and Atypical Behaviors Birth to Age Eight	3	20 hours Site-based K-3

## Required Courses – Level 3

<b>Level 3 Prerequisites: Completion of all Level 1 and Level 2 coursework with 3.0 overall GPA and passage of AEP/NES Early Childhood Subject Knowledge Exam.</b> Courses with a final grade of “D” or “F” must be retaken regardless of GPA.			<b>Field Experience</b>
<b>Course #</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Hours</b>
EEP288	Student Teaching Lab - Early Childhood	4	Minimum 12-weeks full time
EEP289	Internship: Early Childhood, Infant, Toddler, Preschool	4	60 hours

### Notes

- The total amount of credits required for this program is 46 credit hours.
- Students must earn a grade of C or better in all courses required within the program.
- Minimum GPA: 3.00
- Not all classes are offered every semester. Contact an academic advisor for additional information.
- EEP289 requires 60 hours at a single site offering infant, toddler, preschool, and administration during an 8-week period.
- EEP288 requires enrollment in an entire semester with a minimum of 12-weeks in the classroom.
- All application materials are purged after one year from receipt when program enrollment does not transpire