



**RIO SALADO COLLEGE**

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

### [State Authorization](#)

#### Earn your Early Childhood Teaching Certificate Online

The Teacher in Residence (TIR) Programs allow students who already hold a bachelor's degree to receive employment in a classroom while simultaneously completing their education coursework toward certification. The Post Baccalaureate Teacher in Residence Programs are approved by the Arizona Department of Education and utilizes the Alternative Teaching Certificate.

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 student teaching experience in a K-3 classroom. Students must verify content proficiency through the passage of a state-approved subject knowledge exam ([AEPA/NES](#)).

Prior to enrolling, students must be recommended by a school district for employment, as a contracted K-3 classroom teacher, provide a current IVP fingerprint card, and passing early childhood subject knowledge exam scores.

**CIPS Code: 13.1210**

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

## Required Courses – Year 1

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.				Field Experience
Start Date	Course #	Course Title	Credits	Hours
Sem 1	EEP244	Early Childhood Introduction to the Exceptional Young Child	3	5 Hours Site-based Preschool or K-3 Special Education
Sem 1	EEP242	Early Childhood Guidance and Management	3	5 Hours Site- based Preschool or K-3
Sem 1	EFE297AC	Intern Certificate Student Teaching Lab – K-3 Level I	1	Employment Teaching K-3
Sem 2	EDU268	Science of Reading Including Systematic Phonics Instruction	3	5 hours
Sem 2	EEP260	Early Childhood Curriculum and Methods of Math – Birth to Age Eight	3	4 hours Site-based K-3
Sem 2	EEP264	Early Childhood Curriculum and Methods of Social Studies – Birth to Age Eight	1	2 hours Site-based K-3
Sem 2	EFE297AD	Intern Certificate Student Teaching Lab - K-3 Level II	1	Employment Teaching K-3
Summer 1	POS220 OR POS221 <b>AND</b> POS222	U.S. and AZ Constitution (3) OR Arizona Constitution (1) <b>AND</b> U.S. Constitution (2)	3	0
Summer 1	EDU239	Structured English Immersion Grades K-8	3	0

## Required Courses – Year 2

Level 2 Prerequisites: Successful completion of year 1 courses and 3.0 overall GPA. Courses with a final grade of “D” or “F” must be retaken regardless of GPA.				Field Experience
Start Date	Course #	Course Title	Credits	Hours
Sem 3	EDU267	Reading Instructional Practices, Interventions, and Assessments	3	5 hours Site-based K-3
Sem 3	EEP240	Early Childhood Foundations	3	5 Hours Site-based Preschool
Sem 3	EEP224	Childhood Development: Prenatal to Age Eight	3	5 Hours Site-based Infant/Toddler/Preschool
Sem 3	EFE297AE	Intern Certificate Student Teaching Lab - K-3 Level II	1	Employment Teaching K-3
Sem 4	EEP276	Standards, Observation and Assessment of Typical and Atypical Behaviors Birth to Age Eight	3	4 hours Site-based K-3
Sem 4	EEP246	Early Childhood Culture, Community, Family and the Child	3	5 Hours Site-based Infant/Toddler/Preschool
Sem 4	EEP262	Early Childhood Curriculum and Methods of Science – Birth to Age Eight	2	3 hours Site-based K-3
Sem 4	EFE297AF	Intern Certificate Student Teaching Lab - K-3 Level IV	1	Employment Teaching K-3
Summer 2	EEP289	Internship: Early Childhood, Infant, Toddler, Preschool	4	60 hours
Summer 2	EEP266	Early Childhood Curriculum and Methods in Language Arts – Birth to Age Eight	1	0
Summer 2	EEP268	Early Childhood Curriculum and Methods in the Arts – Birth to Age Eight	1	0

## Notes

- The total amount of credits required for this program is 46 credit hours.
- TIR program staff will register students for all courses. Payment and/or payment arrangements need to be made upon registration.
- All TIR students are also required to participate in webinars, blogs, and formal evaluations.
- EEP289 Birth-preschool internship must be completed during the summer.
- EEP289 requires 60 hours at a single site offering infant, toddler, preschool, and administration during an 8-week period.
- Student teaching (employment) cannot be completed in a birth-preschool setting.
- Students must earn a grade of C or better in all courses required within the program.
- Minimum GPA: 3.00
- All application materials are purged after one year from receipt when program enrollment does not transpire.