



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

## Earn Your Early Childhood Teaching Endorsement Online

Endorsements are attachments to an Arizona teaching certificate which indicate an area of specialization. Endorsements are awarded by the Arizona Department of Education through a transcript evaluation process.

Early Childhood Education endorsement courses are designed for elementary or special education teachers. Consider enrolling in courses for your own professional development! Courses are accepted by the Arizona Department of Education for renewing an Arizona standard teaching certificate. Teachers can add the early childhood endorsement to their current Arizona teaching certificate by taking Rio Salado College's courses.

Students enrolled in the Early Childhood Education, Birth-Age 8/Grade 3 endorsement courses are preparing to teach children from birth through 3rd grade. These courses include 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. It is important to review the [early childhood endorsement](#) requirements to ensure you have met or need the courses offered if seeking the endorsement.

**CIPS Code: 13.1210**

### Courses

<b>Prerequisites:</b>		<b>Field Experience</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Must provide proof of a bachelor’s degree or teaching certificate.</b></li> <li>• <b>Must provide proof of an IVP fingerprint clearance card.</b></li> </ul>			
<b>Course #</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Hours</b>

EEP224	Childhood Development: Prenatal to Age Eight	3	20 Hours Site-based Infant/Toddler/Preschool
EEP240	Early Childhood Foundations	3	20 Hours Site-based Preschool
EEP242	<b>Early Childhood Guidance and Management</b>	3	<b>20 Hours Site-based Preschool or K-3</b>
EEP244	<b>Early Childhood Introduction to the Exceptional Young Child</b>	3	<b>20 Hours Site-based Preschool or K-3 Special Education</b>
EEP246	<b>Early Childhood Culture, Community, Family and the Child</b>	3	<b>20 Hours Site-based Infant/Toddler/Preschool</b>
EEP250	<b>Early Childhood Language and Literacy Development</b>	3	<b>20 Hours Site-based K-3</b>
EEC205	<b>Early Learning: Instructional Methodologies of Language, Math, Science, Social Studies, and the Arts</b>	3	<b>10 Hours Site-based</b>
EEP276	<b>Standards, Observation and Assessment of Typical and Atypical Behaviors Birth to Age Eight</b>	3	<b>20 Hours Site-based K-3</b>

**Six months prior to enrolling in internship course and student teaching:**

- **Must provide proof of passing subject knowledge NES/AEPA Early Childhood exam scores.**
- **Must request an internship or student teaching placement.**

EEP288	<b>Student Teaching Lab - Early Childhood</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Minimum 12-weeks full time</b>
EEP289	<b>Internship: Early Childhood, Infant, Toddler, Preschool</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>60 hours</b>

## Notes

- **EDU289 requires 60 hours at a single site offering infant, toddler, preschool, and administration during an 8-week period.**

- Read about the [Early Childhood Endorsement](#) at the Arizona Department of Education for additional requirements such as minimum years teaching and the subject knowledge proficiency requirements.
- Must complete a [Request to Enroll](#) form to register.
- Not all classes are offered every semester. Contact an academic advisor for additional information.
- Must provide proof of a bachelor's degree or teaching certificate.
- Rio Salado College will only evaluate transcripts from other colleges to determine if prerequisites have been met, if applicable. Rio Salado College will not evaluate courses from other colleges to determine if courses meet Arizona Department of Education endorsement requirements.
- An individual who holds the Early Childhood endorsement in combination with an Arizona Mild/Moderate Disabilities, Moderate/Severe Disabilities, Cross-Categorical, Emotional Disability, Learning Disability, Intellectual Disability, Orthopedic/Other Health Impairment or Severely and Profoundly Disabled Special Education teaching certificate is not required to hold the Early Childhood Special Education certificate.