



MOORPARK COLLEGE

FAQ – Education & Teaching

Which Transfer Degrees does the Education & Teaching Area of Interest offer?

We currently have three transfer degrees:

- Early Childhood Education (CD/ECE) – Who and How to teach is primary focus (For students planning to work with ages 0-8)
- Elementary Teacher Education (EDU) – What and How to teach is primary focus (For students planning to work with ages 5-11)
- Child and Adolescent Development (CADV) – Who is the child and Why (For students planning to work with ages 0-18)
 - CADV Targets students with more interest in research and interdisciplinary behavioral sciences and who do not have an interest in the teaching field or educational administration
 - Sample career aspirations: developmental research, social work, school psychology, education specialist for deaf and hard of hearing students, public policy
 - Note: students in CD/ECE are also prepared to pursue these fields – the main difference is that CD/EDU focuses on applied developmental science and requires an experiential foundation with young children.

A few questions and points that may help a student to determine a pathway and plan:

- **Is the student interested in teaching children between infancy and age 8, including special education and early intervention?**
 - Recommendation: CD/ECE
 - Alternatively, if the student is interested in early elementary teaching (K-2) the student could get the EDU degree incorporating 24 units of CD or the Transitional Kindergarten Certificate, but this would put the student over 60 units.

- According to Title 22, any teacher who aspires to work with infants (children under 30 months) must complete at least 3 units of Infant/Toddler coursework (CD M15). In federal programs, such as Head Start, if the teacher does not have a bachelor's degree, then she/he needs to have 6 units of Infant-Toddler coursework.
 - Also, according to Title 22, anyone who aspires to administrative positions in early care and education must have 3 units of Administration (CD 24 or CD 25)
 - Also, according to Title 5, anyone who aspires to administrative positions in early care and education must have 6 units of Administration (CD 24 and CD 25)
 - The CA Child Development Permit (Title 5) is currently under revision by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, and it is anticipated that standards will become more rigorous. Current guidance recommends that all lead teachers and administrators have at least a bachelor's degree in CD/ECE with supervised clinical experience.
- **Is the student interested in teaching children in upper elementary or high school or K-12 administration?**
 - Recommendation: EDU (Although CD/ECE are equally viable options)
 - **Is the student motivated to learn in the area of general/liberal studies and wants to enter K-12 education?**
 - Recommendation: EDU If not, CD/ECE or CADV are better choices to promote success
 - **Does the student need to work while earning his/her degree and want to work with children while doing so?**
 - Recommendation: CD/ECE or CADV (with options selected of CD M03, CD M04/M04L and CD M12/M12L)
 - **Does the student have any prior *professional* experience working with children? This is not babysitting or nannying.**
 - If no, CD/ECE may be best option, or internships with children (experience with actual children is highly valued for employment in most fields)

- **Does the student plan to attend graduate school for a credential, master's degree or beyond?**
 - If no, recommend CD/ECE

What education do I need at Moorpark College to be a preschool teacher?

- California State Law (Title 22) requires that anyone teaching children under the age of five years old must have a minimum of 12 units of Child Development. See the [Child Development Associate Teacher Certificate of Achievement](#) requirements in the Course Catalog for recommended courses to fulfill those 12 units.

What education do I need at Moorpark College to be an elementary school teacher?

- Students can major in any subject but are highly encouraged to pursue an Associate's Degree for Transfer in either Elementary Teacher Education, Child and Adolescent Development, or Early Childhood Education.
- After leaving Moorpark College, students must complete their bachelor's degree and are required to get a Multiple Subject Teaching [Credential](#).

What education do I need at Moorpark College to be a special education teacher?

- Students can major in any subject but are highly encouraged to pursue an Associate's Degree for Transfer in either Elementary Teacher Education, Child and Adolescent Development, or Early Childhood Education.
- After leaving Moorpark College, students must complete their bachelor's degree and are required to get an Education Specialist Instruction [Credential](#).

What education do I need at Moorpark College to be a middle school or high school teacher?

- Students should pursue an Associate's Degree for Transfer in the major they plan to teach (if offered).
- After leaving Moorpark College, students must complete their bachelor's degree and are required to get a Single Subject Teaching [Credential](#).

What education do I need at Moorpark College to be a Registered Behavior Technician (RBT)?

- Registered Behavior Technician M01: Knowledge Skills, is a 2.5 unit, self-paced, online course designed to meet the 40-hour training requirement by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board®, Inc. (BACB®) to sit for the RBT exam. By the end of the 2.5 unit training, students will have all the training needed to take the Behavior Analyst Certification Board®, Inc. [\(BACB®\) Competency Assessment](#). When both courses, RBT M01 and RBT M01L, are completed successfully, students are eligible for a Moorpark College Registered Behavior Technician Proficiency Award. Upon passing the competency assessment, candidates will be able to apply and sit for the RBT credentialing exam.
- The RBT coursework would be beneficial to anyone planning to work with children or older individuals experiencing learning or behavior challenges.

What education do I need at Moorpark College to be a College Instructor?

- Students should pursue an Associate's Degree for Transfer in the major they plan to teach (if offered).
- After leaving Moorpark College, students must complete their bachelor's degree and are required to get a master's degree in the area they are going to teach.

Does Moorpark College offer Child Development permits?

- No. The Child Development Permit is available through the [California Commission on Teacher Credentialing](#) (CCTC). Students should contact the [Ventura County Office of Education](#) for permit application assistance.

What is the difference between a Certificate of Achievement and a Child Development Permit?

- Moorpark College offers Certificates of Achievement. Certificates document that a student has completed a particular program of study. Certificates are NOT required for employment but are a good way to enhance a resume by showing academic and professional progress and dedication.
 - **Child Development: Associate Teacher – 12 units**
 - **Child Development – 24.5 units**
 - **Transitional Kindergarten – 24 units**
- California State Law (Title 5) requires that anyone working in a publicly funded early childhood program must hold a Child Development Permit. The Child Development Permit is required for early childhood teachers.

The Permit is not issued through Moorpark College, it issued through the California Department of Education, [California Commission on Teacher Credentialing](#) (CCTC). However, all of the courses you need to complete the requirements for a Child Development Permit are available at Moorpark College.

Once I have completed the courses needed for a certificate, where do I apply for a certificate?

- You must complete the [required courses](#) with a grade of “C” or better. To apply for a certificate, students must meet with a counselor. You can schedule an appointment with a counselor by calling 805 378 1428 or through Starfish in your portal. You can also apply during virtual drop in counseling if all classes are from VCCCD.

I want to open my own family childcare. What do I need?

- The Department of [Social Services Child Care Licensing Division](#) requires 15 hours of health training in CPR, First Aid and prevention of infectious diseases (you can complete this training at Moorpark College in CD M23). Please contact the [CCLD](#) for more information.

I want to open my own private preschool. What do I need?

- The Department of [Social Services Child Care Licensing Division](#) requires the 12 core units of Child Development and an Administration course (CD M24 or CD M25). Experience working in an ECE program is also required. The Department of Social Services will also require you to attend an orientation meeting that reviews all licensing requirements and provider’s instructions on how to complete the licensing application. Please contact the [CCLD](#) for more information.

How do I enroll in classes at Moorpark College?

- Students enroll in the college and then enroll in a program. Once you are a registered student, you will be given access to enroll in classes.
- More information on enrollment and tuition is available on the [apply and enroll page of the college's website](#). Course Information is posted in the [Schedule of Classes](#).