

Early Childhood Programs at the Concord Campus California State University, East Bay

Are you ready for the next step in your Early Childhood Career?

Is it time for you to support your own learning and growth as you have with countless children? Have you completed your lower division coursework and are ready to transfer to Cal State East Bay? Now may be the time to complete your Bachelor's degree and continue to excel in your early childhood career.

The Concord Campus of Cal State East Bay provides degree programs in early childhood development and education for early childhood educators. The Bachelor's in Human Development with an option in Early Childhood Development is a two-year program. The Minor in Early Childhood Education allows for additional learning and accomplishment over the course of two summers. If you already have your Bachelor's degree, coursework in the ECE Minor can be applied instead to the Master's Degree in Education, Option in Curriculum.

B.A. Degree in Human Development, Option in Early Childhood Development

The Bachelor's Degree in Human Development, Option in Early Childhood Development is a two-year program for those who have already completed their lower division coursework including prerequisites. Human Development is an interdisciplinary field of study that has grown out of more traditional disciplines such as anthropology, biology, linguistics, psychology and sociology. Students majoring in Human Development explore people's lives from conception and birth through old age and death. Human Development majors pursuing an Early Childhood Development option will focus on development from birth to age 5, preparing them as future academics, practitioners, social activists, social workers, teachers and leaders in Early Childhood Development.

The Human Development program is available mainly in the evening, in face-to-face, online, and hybrid classes. Courses are scheduled to allow a student to complete the upper division portion of the Human Development major with an Early Childhood Development Option in a two-year period.

For additional information, questions and advising, please contact Dr. Jiansheng Guo at jsh.guo@csueastbay.edu. Students considering this program are also encouraged to attend a prospective student general information session, followed by an appointment with an academic advisor. Call 925-602-6700 to reserve your space in an information session. More detailed information about the program is available at <http://concord.csueastbay.edu/PRODEGREE.htm>.

Minor in Early Childhood Education

The Early Childhood Education Minor is a 24-unit six-course program offered over two summer quarters. This program is specifically designed for the working practitioner with the desire to

gain professional knowledge and skills in the field of Early Childhood Education. Curriculum and instruction focuses on literacy, numeracy, language arts, social studies, science and the arts.

The ECE Minor program emphasizes developmentally and culturally appropriate practices, “hands-on” experiences, evidence-based instruction, and ways of building professionalism. This program is available during summer quarter only. For the convenience of the working professional, courses meet for six weekend sessions on Friday evenings and Saturdays (each course meets for three hours per class meeting). Courses include both face-to-face and online instruction.

All students in the ECE Minor program must have the following: Junior-year status and concurrent enrollment in the BA in Human Development, Early Childhood Option; or 12 quarter units of courses in child development; or Multiple Subject Teaching Credential; or permission of the instructor.

For those working practitioners who already have a Bachelor’s degree, the 24 units of Early Childhood Education classes can apply to the Master’s in Education, Option in Curriculum.

For additional information, questions and advising, please email Dr. Helgren-Lempesis at valerie.helgren-lempesis@csueastbay.edu. Detailed information about the program is available online at <http://concord.csueastbay.edu/PRODEGREE.htm>.

For more information about Cal State East Bay’s Concord Campus, go to www.concord.csueastbay.edu, or call today at 925-602-6700.

In partnership with First 5 Contra Costa Children and Families Commission, the Concord Campus of Cal State East Bay is able to provide financial support for select students. First 5 Contra Costa funds an array of programs to promote the optimal development of children age 0 – 5 years in Contra Costa County, including scholarships for qualified students in the CSUEB Concord Campus Early Childhood programs.

Scholarships and other financial support may be available to students enrolled in either the Bachelor’s Degree in Human Development (Early Childhood Option) program, and/or the Minor in Early Childhood Education program (including those taking Minor coursework to apply towards a Master’s Degree in Education, Option in Curriculum).

Students must meet certain criteria, which includes, but is not limited to: living or working in Contra Costa County, sustained and current employment as an Early Childhood Service Provider at a licensed program, and completion of required prerequisites. Preference is given to workers in select zip code areas. Scholarships are available on a quarterly basis, or until all funds have been utilized.

For more information regarding these scholarships, visit www.concord.csueastbay.edu/ecscholarships.htm. To learn more about First 5 Contra Costa Children and Families Commission, visit www.firstfivecc.org.