

Related Occupations

Professional Level (with BA/BS or higher degree)

- 21-1021.00 Child, Family and School Social Worker
- 25-2011.00 Preschool Teachers
- 25-2012.00 Kindergarten Teachers Except Special Education
- 25-2051.00 Special Education Teachers, Pre School
- 11-9031.00 Education Administrators, Preschool and Child Care Center/Program
- 19-3031.01 School Psychologists
- 29-1127.00 Speech-Language Pathologists/Audiologists

Technical Level (with AA/AS degree and/or certificate)

- 25-2011.00 Preschool Teacher, Except Special Education
- 25-9041.00 Teachers Assistants

Entry Level (with high school diploma and 6 Units of College Credit in Child Development)

- 39-9011.00 Child Care Workers
Child Monitors, Private Household
- Substitute Instructional Aide for Preschool/ Special Education
- After School Program Aide
- 39-9011.01 Nannie

Working Your Way Up!



Class Location

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Foundations in Early Education FOR ADULTS



Merced County Regional Occupational Program



Course Description

Foundations in Early Education is designed to develop the skills necessary to work in the early childhood education field. This field includes working with infants, toddlers, and pre-school age children as well as working in extended day care facilities and family childcare centers. Training will include understanding the developmental stages for child growth and development; child health and safety care; child nutrition; guidance and discipline procedures; intellectual and physical activities; how to compile and use reference materials and how to use audio-visual materials. Course content is applicable to infant and toddler programs, preschool programs, kindergartens, and primary education. This class is taught in a combination of classrooms and community site training.

Participants will learn:

- Employability skills
- Basic skills on how to nurture and teach young children
- Understand the developmental stages of a child
- Management and operation of a child development center

The course instruction will allow students to:

- Gain hands-on experience with children in a licensed child development center
- Create an employability portfolio
- Earn college credit
- Pursue college related courses

Key instructional methods include:

- Lecture
- Reading/Discussion/Research/Presentations
- Direct interaction with children
- Tutoring Logs and Reflection

The structure of the course includes:

- Open Entry—Open Exit
- Employability Portfolio
- Site Placement
- 26 weeks in classroom —32 hours per week

Program Highlights

- Employability Portfolio
- Career Development and Opportunities, Computer Skills, Leadership, Problem –Solving Skills and Teamwork.
- Child Growth and Development, Nutrition, Health, and Safety Practices
- Age-Appropriate Practices and Activities
- 2 + 2 Merced College Credit

Pre-requisites:

- GED/High School Diploma
- Current tuberculosis skin test
- Fingerprint clearance

Helpful Experience:

- Desire to learn
- Commitment
- Good attendance/punctuality
- Enjoy working with children

Do you:

- enjoy working with children?
- want to learn more about children?
- plan on a career related to children?
- want and opportunity to work hands-on in a pre-school classroom?
- like watching children grow, learn and gain new skills?
- like new challenges and continual change?
- enjoy lots of activity?
- want an opportunity to improve your own communication, learning, and personal skills?



What is Merced County ROP?

ROP stands for Regional Occupational Program. ROP provides occupational training courses directly related to a student's career interest area.

Philosophy

Merced County ROP delivers innovative educational programs to high school and adult students in preparation for 21st century careers, higher education and life-long learning.

ROP Goals

- Develop academic, technical, and Interpersonal skills
- Secure employment
- Upgrade skills
- Enter advanced career-technical training
- Pursue college related courses

Standards for Career Ready Practices

- Apply appropriate technical skills and academic knowledge.
- Communicate clearly, effectively, and with reason.
- Develop an education and career plan aligned with personal goals.
- Apply technology to enhance productivity.
- Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
- Practice personal health and understand financial literacy.
- Act as a responsible citizen in the workplace and the community.
- Model integrity, ethical leadership, and effective management.
- Work productively in teams while integrating cultural and global competence.
- Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
- Employ valid and reliable research strategies.
- Understand the environmental, social, and economic impacts of decisions.

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