

Preliminary PK-3 Early Childhood Education (ECE) Specialist Instruction Program

Application Process

- Applications will be processed in the order they are received.
- Applications that are incomplete will not be processed
- A GPA of 2.67 or higher overall or 2.75 or higher in the last 60 units. (If you do not meet this requirement, you still have an opportunity for admission by completing a Special Consideration Form and attaching it with your application.)

Two Required Applications

☐ Cal State Apply Application to Fresno State unless:

- You are a current Fresno State Master's degree or post bacc student
- You will still be a Fresno State Undergraduate student when starting the credential program
- Complete the application here: <https://www.calstate.edu/apply>
- **Must apply for the same semester that you intend to start the credential program** (i.e Apply for Summer 2024 if you plan to start that semester)

☐ Credential Program Application

- [Credential Program Application](#)
- Must have Fresno State Student ID number before applying
- Both pages of program application must be completed.
 - Be sure to upload all 12 admission requirements (attachments) listed below to ensure complete application status. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Required Credential Program Application Attachments

☐ Subject Matter Competency

___ Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education in one of these majors: Child Development, Child and Adolescent Development, Human Development, Early Childhood Education, Child and Family Studies, Early Childhood Studies, Human Development and Family Science, Family Science, or Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies.

OR

___ Completion of 24 semester units or equivalent quarter units of non-remedial, degree-applicable coursework at a regionally accredited institution of higher education in early childhood education and/or child development.

- ☐ **Certificate of clearance (for Huggins Center)**
- ☐ **Certificate of clearance (for credential program)**
- ☐ **Pre-program field experience**

Students should complete at least one course that provides observation and/or practicum experience as part of their undergraduate work.

Courses that provide this opportunity can be found here: [Course List](#)
- ☐ **First Recommendation**

Two current (within 1 year) recommendations ([Credential Program Recommendation Form](#)) are required. It is recommended (but not required) that at least one of the recommendation forms is completed by an instructor/faculty in your subject area and the other can be someone who knows you personally or professionally.
- ☐ **Second Recommendation ([Credential Program Recommendation Form](#))**
- ☐ **Admission Interview and personal narrative**

[Personal Narrative Instructions](#)

[Admission Interview Form](#)

[Interview Request Form](#)
- ☐ **TB Risk Assessment**

Submit current and completed [TB Risk Assessment Form](#) signed and stamped by the Fresno State Student Health Center, a private physician or an appropriate State of CA health agency.
- ☐ **Mandated Reporter Certificate**

[Visit this link](#) to Complete General Training and the complete School Personnel Training

Attach the School Personnel completion certificate with your application
- ☐ **Mandated Reporter Certificate for Huggins Center**

[Visit this Link](#) to Complete the General Training and the Child Care Training

Complete these forms:

[Volunteer Info document](#)

[Volunteer Application](#)

[Volunteer Enrollment](#)

[Emergency Contact](#)

[LIC501-Volunteer](#)
- ☐ **Advising Sheets**

[Advising Sheet](#)
- ☐ **Candidate Commitment**

[Candidate Commitment Form](#)

☐ **Unofficial Transcripts and Verification of U.S. Constitution Requirement**

Provide unofficial transcript to verify undergraduate degree, GPA, and completion or verification of the completion of a US Constitution course ([Constitution Courses](#)) passed with a “C” or better, or verification that you have passed a U.S. Constitution exam.

Passing a U.S. constitution course or exam is not an admission requirement, but will be required if you apply for an internship and at the time of application for your state preliminary credential.

☐ **Additional Documents That May Be Required**

[Special Consideration Form](#)

[Course Substitution Request Form](#)

[Clinical Practice Experience Equivalency Form](#)