



# TEACHER PREPARATION

CHANGE THE WORLD, ONE CHILD AT A TIME



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**Do you enjoy helping others learn and grow? Are you patient, creative, and excited about making a difference in children's lives?** If you want to inspire the next generation, Berkeley City College's Teacher Preparation Program is a great place to start. Take college classes while gaining hands-on experience in the field—whether you dream of becoming a teacher, counselor, pediatrician, or youth leader.

### GET STARTED

Whether you're a high school student ready to explore teaching, a parent who wants to support your child's learning, or someone looking to switch careers—this program is for you. BCC offers flexible options and real-world support to help you succeed.



Start your teaching journey at BCC! Our Teacher Preparation degrees and certificates include coursework that prepares you to apply for industry-recognized certification from the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing — so you can begin working in the education field right away.



*Education is the passport  
to the future, for tomorrow  
belongs to those who prepare  
for it today.*

Malcolm X



**HIGH  
SCHOOL  
STUDENTS**

### **Twice as Strong with DE at BCC**

As a Dual Enrolled student, you can earn college credit while you finish high school. So don't wait—ask your guidance counselor, today!

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to learn more:



## TEACHER PREPARATION CERTIFICATES & DEGREES

Choose from a range of programs—like Child & Adolescent Development or Liberal Studies—to match your interests. Whether you're looking for a short-term certificate or a full associate degree, we've got options that fit your goals and schedule.

### CREDIT



**TEACHER'S AIDE**  
Certificate of Achievement (24–26 units)  
Format: Hybrid (Online and In-person)  
Full-time status: 2 semesters  
Cost: \$0–1,274\*



**CHILD & ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT**  
Associate in Arts for Transfer (60 units)  
Format: Hybrid (Online and In-person)  
Full-time status: 4 semesters or 2 calendar years  
Cost: \$0–2,940\*



**SCHOOL READINESS**  
Certificate of Proficiency (12 units)  
Format: Online  
Full-time status: 1 semester  
Cost: \$0–588\*



**LIBERAL STUDIES: TEACHER  
PREPARATION**  
Associate in Arts for Transfer (60 units)  
Format: Hybrid (Online and In-person)  
Full-time status: 4 semesters or 2 calendar years  
Cost: \$0–2,940\*



**ELEMENTARY TEACHER EDUCATION**  
Associate in Arts for Transfer (60 units)  
Format: Hybrid (Online and In-person)  
Full-time status: 4 semesters or 2 calendar years  
Cost: \$0–2,940\*

### NON-CREDIT



**TUTOR TRAINING**  
Certificate of Completion  
Format: Online  
Full-time status: 1 semester  
Cost: \$0

\*The actual cost for a California resident depends on the financial aid status. (\$49 per credit unit)

# Teacher Preparation Training



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Schedule an appointment with a BCC Counselor to learn more!  
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## Transfer Opportunities

- Bachelor of Arts/Science Degree
- Teacher Credential Program

## ASSOCIATE DEGREES

*This map represents one possible pathway at BCC and is based on the 2025–2026 catalog.*

### CHILD & ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT - Associate in Arts for Transfer Degree



(60 units)

- Major requirements (19–20 units)
- GE and electives (40–41 units)

### ELEMENTARY TEACHER EDUCATION - Associate in Arts for Transfer Degree



(60 units)

- Major requirements (54 units)
- GE and electives (6 units)

### LIBERAL STUDIES TEACHER PREPARATION Associate in Arts Degree



(60 units)

- Major requirements (32 units)
- GE and electives (28 units)

Obtaining an Associate in Arts for Transfer guarantees you priority admission to a CSU in a similar upper-division program. Students who obtain this degree have a junior standing when transferring to a CSU.

## CERTIFICATES

### TEACHER'S AIDE - Certificate of Achievement (24–26 units)



#### 2nd Semester/Spring

- ENG 47 Children's Literature (3 units)
- EDUC 97 Field Studies in Education (3 units)
- EDUC 98 Pedagogy of Reading (3 units)
- EDUC 18 Mathematical Concepts for Teachers (3 units)

#### 1st Semester/Fall

- EDUC 1 Introduction to the Field of Education (3 units)
- EDUC 99 Introduction to Special Needs Pedagogy (3 units)
- SOC 13 Sociology of the Family (3 units)
- CHDEV 51 Child Growth and Development (3 units) **OR**
- PSYCH 21 Lifespan Human Development (3 units)



### SCHOOL READINESS - Certificate of Proficiency (12 units)



#### Required Courses

- EDUC 1 Introduction to the Field of Education (3 units)
- ENGL 47 Children's Literature (3 units)
- SOC 13 Sociology of the Family (3 units)

#### Select 3 units from the following:

- CHDEV 51 Child Growth and Development (3 units) (starting course) **OR**
- PSYCH 21 Lifespan Human Development (3 units)

**I'm looking forward to understanding how to approach situations with children and how to give them support the best way I can.**

**BCC STUDENT**

## Onramp and Dual Enrollment Course Progressive Schedule

|        |                                                                                                                                                                      |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Year 1 | CHDEV 51 Child Growth Development (3), SOC 13 Sociology of the Family (3)<br><b>Summer EDUC 464 Occupational Work Experience:</b> 320 hrs of on-the-job-training     |
| Year 2 | ENGL 47 Children's Literature (3), EDUC 1 Intro to the Field of Education (3)<br><b>Summer EDUC 464 Occupational Work Experience:</b> 320 hrs of on-the-job-training |

## APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAYS

Begin your education career with a paid apprenticeship! BCC partners with local employers to offer real-world, earn-and-learn opportunities that combine college coursework with on-the-job experience. These apprenticeships are **employer-driven**—students must **apply directly to the employer** and complete their hiring process. BCC provides the required coursework to support your success.

### • Girls Inc. of Alameda County Expanded Learning Apprenticeship

Get paid to work with youth in afterschool programs while taking free Berkeley City College classes—held right at the Girls Inc. site. Build skills in youth development, lead engaging activities, and receive mentorship and career support. Apply: <https://www.girlsinc-alameda.org/apprenticeship-programs>

### • Oakland Unified School District OakTown Leaders Youth Apprenticeship

Earn money, college credit, and job experience while still in high school! Open to 10th–12th grade OUSD students, this program includes free BCC classes, paid work in education settings, and support to qualify for industry certification. Learn more & apply: <https://shorturl.at/oxNbt>

### • YMCA of the East Bay Early Childhood Apprenticeship

Gain experience working with young children in YMCA early learning centers while pursuing your degree and industry certification. Apply: <https://teachymca.org>



**START HERE TO BUILD YOUR ACADEMIC & CAREER PATHWAY!**

# OCCUPATION OUTLOOK IN THE EDUCATION FIELD

“This program is an act of liberation—focused on social justice and actionable equity. Our mission is impactful, changing people’s lives—including economic mobility for generations to come.”  
—Joya Chavarin, Faculty

## GOOD WORK/LIFE BALANCE

Teachers typically have good benefits, retirement plans, a schedule that promotes work/life balance, opportunities for professional growth, access to jobs if you need to move, and a 9–10 month work schedule.

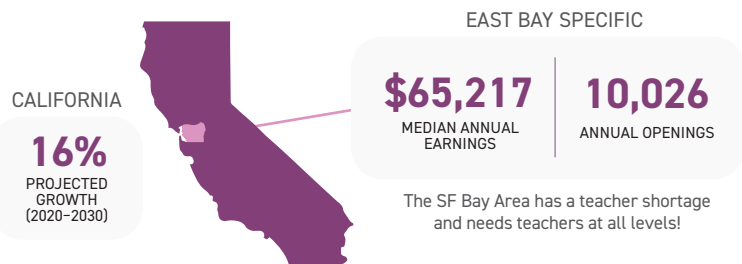
## TEACHERS ARE IN HIGH DEMAND

Early Childhood Education (ECE), Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten, Elementary School, Middle and High School, and Community College. Teachers in Special Education, Math, Science, Career Technical Education and Bi-lingual teachers are all in **high demand in the Bay Area!**

## SAMPLE CAREERS

- Paraprofessional (Teacher’s Aide)
- Early Childhood Education (ECE) Assistant Teacher, ECE Teacher
- Transition Kindergarten (TK) or Kindergarten Teacher
- Elementary, Middle or High School Teacher
- Special Education Teacher
- Career & Technical Education Teacher
- Careers working with children, youth, families, and communities

## BRIGHT OUTLOOK TEACHERS AND INSTRUCTORS



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

# WHAT INSPIRES BCC STUDENTS TO TEACH?

*I recently started work as a teacher’s aide at an elementary school in Oakland, and I am taking two early childhood education courses. My long term career goal is to be a social worker so that I can help others—especially immigrants—like other social workers have helped me.*

*I work in an after-school program here in Berkeley, so I want more knowledge on how to work with children since I also want to become a teacher.*

*I believe being informed about how we, as humans, develop is important, as it’ll help me understand how I’ve developed, and will develop in the future. Drawing on this information will hopefully make me a better father if the time ever comes. It never hurts to know something.*

*I want to learn more about children and how their brain functions/develops. I am also looking forward to meeting new people and having a fun learning experience.*

*I’m looking forward to understanding how to approach situations with children and how to give them support the best way I can. Another thing I am excited to do is explore child development, and see if I have an interest in pursuing child development or education in college.*

# APPLY ONLINE NOW!

Learn the steps to apply and enroll at BCC on our website at  
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