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Early Childhood and Teacher Education Program

Students who want to make a difference by nurturing and teaching children and young adults will find excellent opportunities in Chandler-Gilbert Community College's Early Childhood and Teacher Education Program.

Small classes are taught by expert faculty to ensure that students receive quality instruction on the latest, cutting-edge teaching methodologies and techniques. Many of our faculty are specialists in their fields with a variety of PreK-12 teaching experiences.

Certificates and Degrees

Early Childhood (Birth-grade 3)
- Academic Certificate of Child and Family Professional Development (16 credits)
- AAS Early Learning and Development
- AA Transfer Pathway

Elementary Education (Grades K-8)*
- AA-EE Elementary Education Transfer Pathway
- AA Transfer Pathway

Secondary Education Grades 7-12*
- AA Transfer Pathway: English, math, history, biology, foreign language, art, drama, physical education, social studies
- AS Transfer Pathway: Physics and chemistry

Special Education (Grades K-12)*
- AAEE Transfer Pathway

*Initial steps for university transfer and Arizona teacher certification

Career Opportunities

- Childcare provider
- Classroom assistant
- Preschool teacher
- Kindergarten teacher
- Elementary teacher
- Special education teacher
- Secondary education teacher
- Principal
- School counselor
- Speech pathologist
- School psychologist
- College professor
- Curriculum developer

Employment Outlook

Educational services (establishments providing instruction and training in a wide variety of subjects) is the third fastest-growing aggregate sector in the economy behind healthcare and construction, and expanding at nearly twice the national rate.

Given Arizona’s high population growth rate and large percentage of school-age children, occupations in educational services are expected to grow 20.0% in the Greater Phoenix region between 2010 and 2020. This is followed by kindergarten (25.1%), elementary (24.8%), postsecondary (22.0%), and secondary (13.9%) teachers. Teacher assistant, which is often considered a gateway occupation into the teaching profession, is forecasted to grow 20.2% between 2010 and 2020.