

Preschool-3rd Grade (P-3) Early Childhood Education Teacher

DESCRIPTION OF THE ROLE

The PK-3 Early Childhood Education (ECE) Specialist Instruction Credential focuses on developmentally appropriate practices for young children in grades PK through 3. PK-3 teachers are expected to design, implement, and facilitate learning activities throughout this grade span which engage students according to their developmental levels.

This credential recognizes and values the rich background and extensive experience candidates who come from current and/or prior work in the ECE field bring to their preparation programs. Taken together, these prior work experiences, knowledge and wisdom can provide foundational preparation in child development and early childhood education to support candidates' transition from the Child Development Permit system to earning the PK-3 ECE Specialist Instruction Credential and serving as a teacher in a PK-3 ECE classroom setting ([Source: CTC](#)).

EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Visit the CTC website for ongoing updates about the requirements for this credential:

<https://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/pk-3-ece-specialist-instruction-credential>

SANTA CLARA COUNTY PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT THIS PATHWAY

This pathway is supported by the **Teacher Residency Implementation Grant**. Contact Educator Workforce Pathways at the Santa Clara County Office of Education for program advising and coaching.

Website: www.sccoe.org/epp