

EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE IN

# TEACHING TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN



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“Informative, relevant and support are just a few words which come to mind when describing my experience with the instructors of UCR Extension’s programs in Education. Many of my lessons have found ways into my personal classroom curriculum, and through collaborative conferencing with peer-to-peer sharing within my district.”

— Yumi Soares  
Modesto City Schools  
Modesto, CA

## LAY THE FOUNDATION FOR A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME

Historically, children in California have started kindergarten at a younger age; often lacking the fundamental skills needed to succeed. As the academic rigor in kindergarten advances, it becomes increasingly difficult for these youngsters to flourish in the classroom. Thus, the concept of Transitional Kindergarten was born. Developed as a result of the Kindergarten Readiness Act of 2010, Transitional Kindergarten serves as a bridge between preschool and kindergarten for children born in the fall; allowing them the opportunity to build age and developmentally appropriate skills, to level the playing field.

The Professional Certificate in Teaching Transitional Kindergarten is designed to give teachers the knowledge and expertise needed to provide a learning environment tailored to young learners. Understand the influences that affect children’s overall development and learn proven techniques to support their cognitive, physical, social and emotional advancement through interactive lessons and structured, meaningful activities. When given the right tools and support, children will thrive. Bridge the gap and lead the charge in making academic achievement a reality for transitional kindergarteners through responsive and deliberate teaching.

### WHAT YOU’LL LEARN

- Influences on children’s biological, physical, social-emotional and cognitive development
- Quality teaching practices that address cultural and developmental differences
- Methods for engaging parents and building a collaborative relationship between home and school
- Language development in children and strategies for working with English learners
- Differentiated instruction techniques for TK-K combination classrooms
- Evidence-based curriculum and bridging the Preschool Learning Foundations with the Common Core State Standards

### WHO CAN BENEFIT

This program is designed for credentialed teachers and/or individuals who possess a bachelor’s degree and have passed the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST), who are looking to teach Transitional Kindergarten in California.

### PREREQUISITE

Bachelor’s degree and passage of the CBEST

### ADMISSION

This program is open to individuals who have successfully completed a bachelor’s degree or higher from an accredited institution, and have passed the CBEST. Individuals not pursuing a certificate may enroll in any course with the instructor’s approval and if all prerequisites have been met.

### HOW TO EARN THIS PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE

To earn the Professional Certificate in Teaching Transitional Kindergarten, individuals must complete a total of 36 quarter units with a grade of C or better.

**TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN-CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT 4.5 UNITS EDUC X444.A**

**DIVERSITY AND RESPONSIVE TEACHING IN A TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM 4.5 UNITS EDUC X444.B**

**HOME, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COLLABORATION FOR TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS 4.5 UNITS EDUC X444.C**

**LANGUAGE, LITERACY AND SUPPORT FOR PRESCHOOL ENGLISH LEARNERS 4.5 UNITS EDUC EDUC X444.D**

**THE TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM 4.5 UNITS EDUC X444.E**

**INTENTIONAL TEACHER ENGAGEMENT IN A TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM 4.5 UNITS EDUC X444.F**

**OBSERVATION AND ASSESSMENT IN A TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM 4.5 UNITS EDUC X444.G**

**PRACTICUM AND COACHING FOR TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS 4.5 UNITS EDUC X444.H**

- Completion time: This program can typically be completed within one year.
- The estimated cost to complete this program is \$5,560. This cost does not include textbooks or materials, unless otherwise noted.

### PROGRAM INFORMATION

Prices, requirements and courses are subject to change.

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