

Becoming an Early Care and Education Professional



The Becoming an Early Care and Education Professional module series offers an exploration into a wide variety of careers focused on the following: working with children and families, the education and training required for specific careers, how to prepare for success in college courses, and what early care and education teachers should know and be able to do. Professionals in early care and education share their personal stories and advice for new professionals.

Consider this module series if you have the following interests:

- You would like to explore career options in early care and education.
- You would like to continue your education in early care and education and need support.
- You want to develop or advance your role in teaching, advising, coaching, or mentoring students or new professionals in early care and education.
- You want to better understand and assess the knowledge, skills, and abilities required of early care and education professionals.

This series has four modules. The first two modules apply to any early learning and care setting. Module 3 is specific to home-based child care environments. Module 4 is specific to center-based environments.

Why This Module Series Is Unique

- Illustrates pathways to specific careers in early care and education.
- Provides a tool for applying, enrolling, and taking college courses.
- Includes videos of early care and education students and faculty.
- Unpacks the Early Childhood Education Teaching Performance Expectations (ECE-TPEs).
- Offers clear, detailed information on formative assessment of early care and education students.

The four modules in this series cover a broad range of information. Here is a sample of what you will find in these modules:

Module 1: Career Pathways in Early Care and Education (2 hours)

Explores the wide range of careers related to the care and education of young children. Includes related resources on education and professional development.

Module 2: How to Be a Successful College Student in Early Care and Education (1 hour)

Outlines the steps for enrolling in college and what to expect as a student. Offers supportive advice from early care and education students and faculty.

Module 3: Understanding the Early Childhood Education Teaching Performance Expectations (ECE-TPEs) (2 hours)

Explains the purpose and provides a guided tour of the ECE-TPEs.

Module 4: Understanding Formative Performance Assessment (1 hour)

Describes what formative assessment is. Explains how early care and education students benefit when they demonstrate their knowledge, skills, and abilities during their course of study.



This module series is available at no cost. To enroll, create a free account on [California Early Childhood Online](#).