



You can be an Early Childhood Special Educator, And We Need You!

What you need to become a Certified Early Childhood Special Educator

- Teaching experience (through an approved teacher preparation program OR 2 years of full-time teaching experience)
- Completion of a Bachelor's degree that includes the approved coursework from an institute of higher education, or at an approved alternative educator preparation program. Approved coursework includes teaching children with exceptionalities, characteristics of typical and atypical child development, diagnosis and remediation of learning difficulties, instructional practices in Arizona's Early Learning Standards, assessment and evaluation for children with varying needs
- Fingerprint clearance card and background check
- Complete an application and pay the \$60 application fee
- A passing score on:
 - Professional Knowledge Exam
 - Subject Knowledge Exam

Important Links and Resources:

[Certificate information and checklist](#)

This certificate authorizes the holder to teach in a Special Education setting from birth to grade 3/age 8. This certificate is valid for 12 years and is renewable.

What you can expect when you become a Certified Early Childhood Special Educator

- 40-hour work week with a 9-month teaching contract signed annually
- Lead teacher of a classroom and/or manage a caseload of students receiving specially designed instruction
- Continuous, ongoing training and professional development
- Create lesson plans, documentation, and progress report for each child and meet with the families to set goals and celebrate progress
- Write individualized education plans (IEPs) for students and families to support the child's educational progress
- Collaboration and consultation with related service providers, teachers, parents, community partners, and administrators
- Base full-time employment annual salary of \$35K-\$65K based on experience and education level
- Paid annual and sick leave

To search for ECSE openings and other early childhood positions, click on the links below:

- [Arizona Education Employment Board](#)
- [Jobs in Early Childhood Education](#)
- [AZ State Jobs](#)

Don't forget to search more traditional job search engines as well!

