



Transitional Kindergarten Teaching Certificate



Earn the 24 Required Units in Less Than One Year!

What is Transitional Kindergarten?

Transitional Kindergarten is “the first of a two-year kindergarten program that uses a modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate” (Senate Bill 1381, Chapter 705).

Why the TK Certificate?

The Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Certificate will fulfill the child development units required for the newly passed law based on Transitional Kindergarten Senate Bill 837. The law states that a credentialed (or preliminary credentialed) teacher must have 24 units of early childhood education/development to teach transitional kindergarten in a California school district.

The University of La Verne Child Development Program’s Transitional Kindergarten Certificate is designed to provide preliminary and credentialed K - 8 teachers with upper division units that cover the knowledge, skills, and strategies to teach effectively in a transitional kindergarten classroom. Courses are designed around the California Learning System which includes Foundations and Framework.

Course Delivery

The TK certificate is comprised of 6 courses (24 units) delivered fully online. The term for each course is 10 weeks. It is possible to complete the TK certificate in as little as three 10 week sessions. Each course is four (4) upper-division, transferable units delivered through the Child Development Program of the Education and Teacher Development Department. All courses require a preliminary or clear K-8 teaching credential.

EDUC 480	TK Childhood and Adolescent Development
EDUC 481	TK Childhood Observation and Assessment
EDUC 482	TK Childhood, Family and Community Relationships
EDUC 483	TK Childhood Language and Literacy Development
EDUC 484	TK Childhood Math and Science Development
EDUC 485	TK Childhood Social-Emotional Learning and Development

Added Benefits

- The University of La Verne has one of the few programs in California that offers preliminary and credentialed K-8 teachers an opportunity to earn a TK Certificate specifically in Child Development.
- Upon completion of the certificate, teachers may be eligible for the Child Development Site Supervisor Permit issued by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.
- The earned upper division units may count toward advancement on a school district salary scale (check with your school district).
- Teachers participating in BTSA may choose to include course content and reflection in their professional portfolio.

Cost of the Certificate

- \$150.00 per unit (\$600.00 per course, \$3,600.00 for the 24-unit TK certificate).
- No application or registration fees.
- Students are responsible for purchasing textbooks.
- School districts may make arrangements to be billed semi-annually.

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