Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Early Childhood Coursework
Frequently Asked Questions

What books are used?
While some courses require textbooks, most courses also use California Preschool Learning Foundations and Frameworks and other publications from California Department of Education (CDE). These can be ordered from CDE for approximately $20 each. Alternately, they can be downloaded from the internet for free. Additional reading materials are posted to the course Blackboard site and/or accessed through University of La Verne Wilson library.

Is the course synchronous or asynchronous?
Courses are asynchronous. In other words, you do not have to be on-line at a specific time. Each week you will have a module that includes all course material for the week including assignment, activities, and assessments. You will be responsible for completing the weekly module within the stated time period.

Are there tests?
There is no mid-term or final exam. Quizzes, based on reading assignments, are included in some courses. The majority of assessment is evidence based. Evidence based assessment is group work, discussions, and group/individual assignments.

Are these courses pass/no pass or letter grade?
These courses are letter grade.

Is there fieldwork?
Some courses have a fieldwork component where you apply the course content. You choose a fieldwork site that is convenient for you – it would be best to complete fieldwork in a TK or 4-5 year old preschool site. In those courses where fieldwork is included, plan on approximately 5-7 hours of fieldwork for each course.

Is the fieldwork supervised? Can I work in my own classroom?
No, fieldwork is not supervised. And yes, you can work in your own classroom if it meets the age requirement of the course curricula (usually TK or 4-5 year old preschool site).

I heard your terms are 10 weeks long. What are the dates?
- Fall 2015: August 31 - November 8
  - Note: Winter Break is November 9 to January 3 – no classes during winter break
- Winter 2016: January 4 - March 13
- Spring 2016: March 21 - May 29
- Summer 2016: June 6-August 14

When do I register? What if I register late?
Registration typically opens 3 weeks prior to the start of each term. Payment is due at the time of enrollment. Students cannot register after the course has started.

I want to use these units towards a Master of Education – Special Emphasis TK. What do I need to do?
As you near the completion of the TK – Early Childhood Coursework 24 units, you can exercise your option to transfer 21 of those units to a Master’s degree. You will apply to the Master’s degree program and must meet all other program requirements. Upon acceptance, you will complete an additional 12 units (four 3-unit courses) to complete the degree.