

Steps to Becoming a Preschool Teacher in California

Step 1: Earn Your Child Development Permit

Assistant

- Any two child development courses -- CD 103 & 104 recommended

Associate Teacher

- CD 103 & 104, one curriculum course, and one elective
- 50 days of experience -- 3 hours per day in the past two years

Teacher

- CD 103 & 104, one curriculum course, and five additional CD courses
- 16 general education units (English, Math or Science, Social Science, and Fine Arts)
- 175 days of experience -- 3 hours per day in the past four years
- Associates degree strongly recommended!

Master Teacher

- Meet Teacher Permit requirements
- Take six specialization units (not already taken)
- Take one adult supervision course (CD 131)
- 350 days of experience --3 hours per day in the past four years

Site Supervisor

- Meet Teacher Permit requirements
- AA degree
- Add six administration units (CD 129 and 130)
- Add two adult supervision units (CD 131)
- 350 days of experience --3 hours per day-- including 100 days supervising adults

Director

- BA degree
- 24 units in child development, including CD 103, 104, 129, 130, and 131
- One year site supervisor experience

Step 2: Apply for your permit (ART B 320)

Step 3: Obtain a job and start working toward the BA and credential that preschool teachers are going to need within the next several years