

TEACH College Enrollment Checklist



Are you a high school student who wants to make a difference in the lives of young children?

A career in **Early Childhood Education (ECE)** could be for you! TEACH offers students the opportunity to work and go to school, so you can **earn money while getting a debt-free college degree.**

Use this checklist to explore your college options and plan for next steps.

Think About Your Goals

- What ages of children do you enjoy working with?** (infants, toddlers, preschool or school-age)
- What degree do you want to earn?** (associate or bachelor's)
- How do you like to learn?** (in-person, online or a mix of both)

Explore College Options

- Check out TEACH partner colleges** that offer ECE degrees. pacca.org/colleges_universities.php
- Talk with a TEACH Counselor** about which schools best meet your needs and goals. pacca.org/contact_teach.php
- Visit college websites** and connect with admissions advisors to learn more about their degree programs and requirements.

Get Ready to Enroll

- Gather your documents:** High school transcripts, Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential, standardized test scores (if needed).
- Apply for admission:** Most colleges have an online application with a small fee.
- Attend orientation:** Learn about student resources, academic advising and other tutoring/support services.
- Meet with an academic advisor:** Plan your classes and take placement tests if needed.
- Register for classes:** Confirm your financial aid **BEFORE** registering so tuition is covered.

Find Financial Aid

- Apply for a TEACH Scholarship.** pacca.org/how_to_apply.php
- Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).** studentaid.gov
- Search for other college scholarships** for ECE majors.
- Watch deadlines!** Apply early to get the most financial aid possible.

Why Choose the TEACH Scholarship?

One-on-one support from TEACH Counselors who guide you through the process.

Graduate debt-free while working in the field.



Build your skills, confidence and knowledge in ECE.



Increase your earnings and career opportunities.



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