EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

THE MAIN OFFICE FOR THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM (ECEP) is located at 2339 Haste St. in Berkeley. ECEP offers full-time early education and care programs for infants, toddlers and preschool children. All centers provide a nurturing environment with an emergent curriculum that attends to the emotional, social, physical, and cognitive growth of each child with a low teacher-to-child ratio.

Some unique features of our experienced teaching teams are:
- Cultural and linguistic diversity of teachers
- Committed professionals with historically low teacher turnover
- Highly experienced and trained staff; many with California Credentials
- Passionate, warm, nurturing & responsive caregivers

APPLICATION & SCHEDULE

ECEP centers operate Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. ECEP offers year-round and academic calendar year centers. The year-round centers follow the University calendar, with semester breaks of two weeks in December/January and one week in March and one week in August. Academic calendar-year centers are open late August to mid-May. Applications are available at the ECEP office, 2339 Haste St., or online at ece.berkeley.edu.

ELIGIBILITY

Children entering the program must be at least three-months old and not yet eligible for entry to first grade in August of the year of enrollment. Vacancies will be filled year-round as they become available. Children of UC Berkeley students, faculty and staff are given priority for acceptance; however we do accept community applicants on a space-available basis.

FEE SCHEDULE 2014-15 — STAFF, FACULTY, POST-DOCTORAL, STUDENT AND ‘FULL-FEE’ COMMUNITY FAMILIES (Enrollment is based on full-year contracts.)
- Infant Classrooms.............................................................$2,060/month
- Toddler Classrooms.........................................................$1,846/month
- Preschool Classrooms.....................................................$1,528/month

UC Berkeley student parents may be eligible for free or reduced early childhood education and care based on family gross income level, adjusted for family size, and need for care as determined by the California State Department of Education.

MEALS

Healthy breakfasts, hot lunches, and snacks are provided at all centers.

RESEARCH

In addition to the primary goal of providing early childhood education and care to University families, a secondary commitment is that of facilitating research on early childhood development. Children (and their families) enrolled in the Center may be asked to participate in research programs administered by the University of California.

ECEP CENTERS

HASTE STREET CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
2339 Haste St., Berkeley

This facility features six classrooms with ample outdoor play yards for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers; winner of the University of California/California State University award for Best Integrated Design Process and a Silver LEED award from the U.S. Green Building Council.

THE HAROLD E. JONES CHILD STUDY CENTER
2425 Atherton St., Berkeley

A preschool and research facility for students of child development, designed by the late award-winning architect, Joseph Esherick, as a fresh air, indoor/outdoor environment.

THE CLARK KERR CAMPUS CENTERS
2900 Dwight Way, Bldg. 5, Berkeley
2601 Warring St., Bldg. 15, Berkeley

A newly remodeled infant and toddler center, and a preschool center, are tucked among the trees and sprawling lawns on the quiet Mission-style Clark Kerr Campus.

THE UNIVERSITY VILLAGE CENTER IN ALBANY (UVA)
1123 Jackson St., Albany

A newly remodeled center for older toddlers and preschoolers, located in an internationally and culturally diverse family living community.

DWIGHT WAY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
2437 Dwight Way, Berkeley

The Dwight Way Center, scheduled to open in August 2014, is currently taking enrollment and will provide early education and care services for 24 toddlers and 18 infants. The building will be Silver LEED certified.

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