

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

At the Early Childhood Education Program, we want every child to get a great start in life.

The Early Childhood Education Program (ECEP) provides full time early care and education for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers at five centers in Berkeley and Albany. We work in partnership with the family to support all aspects of a child's growth within an atmosphere of respect. Our staff of highly trained educators give parents peace of mind. Teachers pay close attention to each child's unique needs and tailor activities to spark their natural curiosity.

At each of our centers, children learn through play. Sandboxes, play structures, indoor and outdoor activity stations, art supplies, and gardens all are carefully designed to inspire creativity, instill self-confidence, and give UC Berkeley's youngest students the foundation for a successful life.

SCHEDULE

ECEP centers operate Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Our five centers are open year-round. All centers are closed during UC staff holidays, winter break, and spring break. Please refer to the our [program calendar](#) for a full list of closure dates.

2020-21 FEE SCHEDULE AND SUBSIDIES

Monthly Tuition	Infant	Toddler	Preschool
UC Berkeley Employed & Student Families Full-Tuition	\$2,450	\$2,200	\$1,825
Non-UC Berkeley Employed Full-Tuition	\$2,500	\$2,250	\$1,850

As one of the great public universities, UC Berkeley values access to education as part of its mission. UC Berkeley student parents may be eligible for state subsidy. Eligibility is based on family monthly income and need for care as determined by the California State Department of Education.

ELIGIBILITY

ECEP serves children of UC Berkeley affiliated families and community members. Due to our large amount of applications, we prioritize applications as follows:

- 1st Priority: Siblings of currently enrolled children and Child Protective Services (CPS) children
- 2nd Priority: Children of students, faculty, staff, and post-docs
- 3rd Priority: Children of LBNL, visiting scholars, and other UC affiliates
- 4th Priority: Children of community families

MEALS

A healthy breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack are provided daily at all centers.

RESEARCH

While the children learn through play, we learn from them. Researchers use the classrooms as a living laboratory, where they can gain insights into the way children learn and grow best. In turn, the teachers at the centers are able to implement these innovative, best practices into the daily lives of the children. Children (and their families) enrolled in ECEP may be asked to participate in research programs administered by UC Berkeley.

APPLICATION

Applications are accepted year-round and early applications are advisable. The acceptance process begins in February for fall spaces. Most children will begin school at the start of the fall semester in August, when most spaces are available. Spaces will be filled year-round as they become available.

Applications are available at the ECEP office (2339 Haste St.) or online at ece.berkeley.edu.

ECEP CENTERS

We believe all aspects of child development are integrated, so we've adapted our physical environment to maximize healthy physical development, learning, and personal growth. All our centers have large fresh air spaces, outdoor play structures, and a wide variety of age-appropriate, developmental play areas. Our [website](#) details the age groups served at each center, as well as the unique attributes of each location.

HASTE STREET CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

2339 Haste St., Berkeley

HAROLD E. JONES CHILD STUDY CENTER

2425 Atherton St., Berkeley

CLARK KERR CAMPUS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

2601 Warring St., Bldg. 15, Berkeley

DWIGHT WAY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

2427 Dwight Way, Berkeley

UNIVERSITY VILLAGE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER IN ALBANY (UVA)

1123 Jackson St., Albany

