



Ticket 2

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Why Ticket to Teach in SLO County?

Katie Mervin - Children's Center Director, Cuesta College

- Critical shortage of early childhood educators
 - **WHY?** Demand for care exceeds current workforce capacity
 - **WHY?** Low pay for professionals in the field
- Ticket to Teach Apprenticeship program
 - local initiative to address the challenge of increased demand for early care and education and low wages
- Designed to support
 - individuals entering the field
 - ECE professionals building their professional credentials



Two Levels: Pre-Apprentices and Apprentices

Michele Gordon Johnson - ECE Lead Faculty, Cuesta College

- **Pre-apprentices** - a minimum of 6 ECE units + 6 additional units Fall 2020
 - including: 201, 202, 203, 205 (Assistant Teacher Level)
 - one semester (Fall 2020) at the pre-apprentice level
 - bi-monthly cohort meetings, SEP, academic success coach
- Academic pathway - A.A. in ECE (CD Development Permit at the Master Teacher level) and a transfer degree (A.S.T.) in ECE
- Spring 2021 - eligible to work in the field (12 units completed)
 - apprenticeship interviews (January 2021)
 - paid apprenticeship at designated sites
 - Cuesta College financial assistance



Key Dates for the Pre-Apprentice Program

Michele Gordon Johnson - ECE Lead Faculty, Cuesta College

- Monday, June 8th at noon: online application deadline
- Week of June 8th: notification of program selection
- Week of August 3rd: welcome/onboarding meeting
- Monday, August 17th (Fall Term begins)
 - pre-apprentice cohort meetings/activities
- January 2021:
apprenticeship selection interviews



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Ticket 2 Teach Apprenticeship Program

Katie Mervin - Children's Center Director, Cuesta College

- two-year apprenticeship, minimum 15 hours/week
 - early childhood professionals “upskill” (education, permits)
 - educational component: nine-units/academic year
 - special needs, administration, infant-toddler, activity classes
- Cuesta College - financial assistance/support
- professional support and development
 - Mentor teachers/professional cohort
- Apprentices placed at designated programs (Quality Counts partners)
 - wages at/above \$15/hour
 - grant funds assist employers to meet the minimum wage requirement



Key Dates for the Apprenticeship Program

Katie Mervin - Children's Center Director, Cuesta College

- Monday, June 8th at noon: online application deadline
- Friday, June 19th: finalists are notified of program interviews
- August 3rd to 6th: program interviews
- Friday, August 7th: notification of program selection
 - signed training/employment plan
- Week of August 10th: welcome/onboarding meeting
- Monday, August 17th:
 - Cuesta College Fall Term begins



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Apply at ticket2teach.org/
due by noon on June 8th

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