PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Associate in Science degree in Early Childhood Education (ECE) for Transfer provides a clearly articulated curricular track for students who wish to transfer to a CSU campus, while also serving the diverse needs of students interested in the breadth and depth of the field of early childhood education. Additionally, this degree exposes students to the core principles and practices of the field in order to build a foundation for their future personal, academic, or vocational paths.

The degree was designed to facilitate students’ successful transfer to certain California State University (CSU) campuses that prepare them for advanced study in a variety of graduate programs, as well as a variety of careers such as teaching, Child Development Specialist, Program Directors, and Child Life Specialists. With a BA in ECE/Child Development, students are eligible for the Master Teacher and Site Supervisor levels of the CA Child Development Permit, using the Alternative Qualifications category.

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PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the Early Childhood Education program, a student should be able to:

- plan and organize activities in a safe and healthy learning environment for optimum development of all young children in groups of 12 to 24 children.
- assess and evaluate all children and learning environments to write reports according to state mandated guidelines.
- work with families and their children to build respectful, supportive relationships for optimum growth and development of young children.
- connect with community agencies and programs to support children, families, and the early education and care profession.

Students who have been awarded an AA-T or AS-T are able to complete their remaining requirements for the 120-unit baccalaureate degree within 60 semester or 90 quarter units. In order to earn this degree, students must complete:

- Minimum of 60 CSU-transferable semester units.
- Minimum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework. While a minimum of 2.0 is required for admission, some majors may require a higher GPA. Please consult with a counselor for more information.
- Completion of a minimum of 18 semester units in an “AA-T” or “AS-T” major as detailed in the degree section of the catalog. All courses in the major must be completed with a grade of “C” or better or a “P” if the course is taken on a “pass-no pass” basis (Title 5 § 55063).
- Certified completion of the California State University General Education-Breadth pattern (CSU GE Breadth) (see page 92 of the Hartnell College Catalog for more information); OR the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) pattern (see page 110 of the Hartnell College Catalog for more information).
- No additional local Associate degree requirements are applied.

Students can double-count required degree courses and courses for General Education.

TRANSFER STUDENTS: Students planning to transfer to a university should follow the requirements of the four-year university. Information on course equivalencies and major preparation requirements for the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) systems are available online at www.assist.org. Please consult with a Hartnell College counselor to review transfer requirements.

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General Education courses with major courses.

Choose either A. CSU-GE or B. IGETC for the General Education pattern related to your educational goal:

A. Minimum units to meet CSU-GE breadth certification requirements (39 units) OR 39.0
B. Minimum units to meet IGETC (34-37.00 units) certification requirements 34.0-37.0

Early Childhood Education Required Major and Restricted Electives 25.0

Electives (Courses numbered 1-99) required when degree units plus GE units total fewer than 60.0 1.0

**TOTAL (60.0)**