

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION—ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FOR TRANSFER DEGREE (AS-T)

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 **Associate in Science in Early Childhood Education for Transfer Degree**, 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.



**Associate Degree
for Transfer**
A Degree with a Guarantee.™

California Community Colleges are now offering associate degrees for transfer to the CSU. These may include Associate in Arts (AA-T) or Associate in Science (AS-T) degrees. These degrees are designed to provide a clear pathway to a CSU major and baccalaureate degree. California Community College students who are awarded an AA-T or AS-T degree are guaranteed admission with junior standing somewhere in the CSU system and given priority admission consideration to their local CSU campus or to a program that is deemed similar to their community college major. This priority does not guarantee admission to specific majors or campuses.

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.

- *(1) Completion of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following:
- (A) The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education – Breadth Requirements.
 - (B) A minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district.
- (2) Obtainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0.*

ADTs also require that students must earn a C or better in all courses required for the major or area of emphasis. A *P* (Pass) grade is not an acceptable grade for courses in the major.

✓	REQUIRED MAJOR COURSES	Course No.	Course Title	Units
	Required Major Course	ECE-1	Principles and Practices of Teaching Young Children	3.0
	Required Major Course	ECE-2	Home, School and Community Relations	3.0
	Required Major Course	ECE-4	Introduction to Curriculum	3.0
	Required Major Course	ECE-10	Observation and Assessment	3.0
	Required Major Course	ECE-12A	Preschool Theory & Practicum	4.0
	Required Major Course	ECE-19	Safety, Health, and Nutrition in the Child Care Setting	3.0
	Required Major Course	ECE-53 [†]	Teaching in a Diverse Society	3.0
	Required Major Course	FCS-14 [†]	Child Development	3.0
			SUBTOTAL UNITS (25.0)	
✓	GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES (<i>Students can double count General Education courses with major courses.</i>)			Units
	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)

[†]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.