

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (AS-T DEGREE S0401)

Business Division Degree S0401

The Associate in Science in Early Childhood Education for Transfer requires students to critically analyze child development theory, developmentally appropriate approaches, and instructional strategies that positively influence children's learning and development.

Students explore the importance of developmental domains and use their knowledge to design, implement, and evaluate meaningful curriculum and environments that promote comprehensive developmental learning outcomes for children. Child observation, documentation, and assessment are explored as essential practices in order to develop effective curriculum and interventions. The California Title 22 regulations, standards, and policies required for early care and education programs are examined. Ethical guidelines, professional practices, and advocacy are assessed to inform future practitioners of standards in the early childhood profession. The Associate in Science in Early Childhood Education for Transfer degree qualifies students for transfer to a California State University (CSU) to complete a Baccalaureate degree in Early Childhood Education or related majors.

To earn an Associate in Science in Early Childhood Education for Transfer degree, a student must complete 60 semester units that are eligible for transfer to the CSU including the Cal-GETC pattern and a major of at least 18 units or more. Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework to receive an associate degree for transfer and all courses in the major must be completed with a C or better. Students earning an associate degree for transfer will not be required to complete any other local graduation requirements. A "P" (Pass) grade is also an acceptable grade for courses in the major if the course is taken on a Pass or No Pass basis.

Required Courses

Course Prefix	Course Name	Units
Core Courses		24
CHLD 1	Child, Family, School and Community	
CHLD 5	Principles and Practices in Child Development Programs ¹	
CHLD 6	Introduction to Child Development Curriculum ¹	
CHLD 11	Child and Adolescent Development ¹	
CHLD 50	Teaching in a Diverse Society	
CHLD 64	Health, Safety, and Nutrition of Children	
CHLD 66	Early Childhood Development Observation and Assessment ²	
CHLD 66L	Early Childhood Development Observation and Assessment Laboratory ²	
Choose one of the following sequences: ²		
CHLD 67 & 67L	Early Childhood Education Practicum and Early Childhood Education Practicum Laboratory	
or CHLD 86 & CHLD 87	Infant Toddler Practicum Seminar and Infant Toddler Practicum Field Work Experience	
Total Units for Major		24

General Education (Cal-GETC) units ³	34
Total Units	60

¹ Documentation of tuberculosis (TB) clearance is required.

² Students must provide documentation of influenza, pertussis (TDap), and measles immunization, as well as TB clearance, as required by SB792 prior to being permitted to enroll in this class. Instructions on submitting documentation are available at Child Development Center (<https://www.mtsac.edu/cdc/>)

³ Courses may be double-counted for the major and Cal-GETC. However, courses may not be double-counted to satisfy more than one area of Cal-GETC.

Program Learning Outcomes

Review Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) (<http://www.mtsac.edu/instruction/outcomes/sloinfo.html>) for this program.