

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 only CSU GE breadth and a major of at least 24 units. 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.

Required Courses

Course Prefix	Course Name	Units
Core Courses		
CHLD 1	Child, Family, School and Community	3
CHLD 5	Principles and Practices in Child Development Programs	3
CHLD 6	Introduction to Child Development Curriculum	3
CHLD 11	Child and Adolescent Development	3
CHLD 50	Teaching in a Diverse Society	3
CHLD 64	Health, Safety, and Nutrition of Children	3
CHLD 66	Early Childhood Development Observation and Assessment	2
CHLD 66L	Early Childhood Development Observation and Assessment Laboratory ¹	1
CHLD 67	Early Childhood Education Practicum	2
CHLD 67L	Early Childhood Education Practicum Laboratory ¹	1
Total Units for Major		24
CSU General Education or IGETC Pattern¹		39-42
Total Units		60

¹ Courses may be double-counted with either CSU-GE or IGETC.

¹ 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 (<http://www.mtsac.edu/cdc/>)

Guided Pathways of Study Suggested Course Sequence

(<https://www.mtsac.edu/guided-pathways/pathway-results.html?pthwyvar=S0401&desc=Early+Childhood+Education%2C+AS-T+%28CSU%29+S0401&status=online>)

Program Learning Outcomes

Review [Student Learning Outcomes \(SLOs\)](#) for this program.