

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (ECE)

About the program

Programs in this field prepare students for work with young children in a variety of settings including family child care and center-based child care settings licensed by the State of California. The scope of programs ranges from care for infants and toddlers to preschool and school-age children.

On-Site Lab School

Students in the ECE program work closely with the Child Development Center Lab School which is a NAEYC Accredited center with support and mentorship from highly qualified mater teachers. At the Lab School students will learn up to date curriculum planning, setting up a developmentally appropriate classroom environment, promoting positive classroom climate through building relationships and appropriate guidance techniques, along with ECE play based philosophies and the newest technology based assessment systems.

Degrees/Certificates within this Program:

- Associate in Science Degree for Transfer, Early Childhood Education
- Associate of Science Degree, Early Childhood Education
- Certificate of Achievement, Early Childhood Education
- All levels of the California Child Development Permit from Assistant to the Site Supervisor

Career Opportunities

Employment opportunities in this field include:

- Licensed Family Child Care Provider
- Preschool Teacher
- Infant-Toddler Teacher
- School-Aged Child Care Teacher
- Mentor/Master Teacher
- Child Care Program Director
- Resource and Referral Specialist
- Respite Worker
- Home Visitor
- Family Services Worker
- Early Interventionist I (Special Needs Aide)
- Para-educators (public school classroom aides)

Transfer Opportunities

Learn more about transferring with an Associate Degree for Transfer at www.adegreewithaguarantee.com and www.redwoods.edu/transfer

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Associate in Science in Early Childhood Education for Transfer				
	Units	CSU GE	IGETC Area	C-ID Descriptor
Required Core	24.0			
ECE 2 Child Growth and Development	3.0			CDEV 100
ECE 5 The Child in the Family and the Community	3.0			CDEV 110
ECE 1 Principles and Practices of Teaching Young Children	3.0			ECE 120
ECE 7 Introduction to Early Childhood Curriculum	3.0			ECE 130
ECE 9 Observation and Assessment in Early Childhood Education	3.0			ECE 200
ECE 10 Field Experience in Early Childhood Education	3.0			ECE 210
ECE 6 Child Health, Safety and Nutrition	3.0			ECE 220
ECE 18 Teaching in a Diverse Society	3.0			ECE 230
Total Units for the Major	24.0			
General Education (CSU GE or IGETC) units:		39.0	37.0	
Elective (UC or CSU Transferable) units:		as needed to complete 60 units total		
Total Degree Units (maximum):		60.0	61.0**	
<i>**The total degree units for this ADT is 61 units if a student follows the IGETC pattern.</i>				
NOTE: Effective Fall 2016, students enrolled in ECE Lab Courses (ECE 7 & ECE 10) will require proof of immunizations or immunity for: Measles, Pertussis, and Influenza.				

About this Degree for Transfer

The Associate in Science in Early Childhood Education for Transfer provides a clearly articulated curricular track for students transferring to a CSU campus. Students learn the core principles and practices of the ECE field in order to build a foundation for their future personal, academic, or vocational paths. The degree will facilitate students' successful transfer to certain California State University (CSU) campuses in preparation for a Bachelor degree in ECE/Child Development. The Associate in Science in Early Childhood Education for Transfer provides students with a major that fulfills the general requirements of the California State University for transfer. Students with this degree will receive priority admission with junior status to certain California State University campuses through the state-wide Curriculum Alignment Project (Lower Division Eight Courses).

Suggested Program Sequence

For information about the program length and suggested sequence of courses for this degree, please see an Academic Advisor.

Program Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate knowledge of a variety of types of program for young children, the history of early care and education in the United States, and the ethical standards which support ECE professionalism
- Articulate an understanding of typical and atypical of development of young children from birth through age eight including the health, safety and nutritional aspects of development
- Develop strategies that promote partnerships between programs, teachers, diverse families, and their communities
- Design and implement environments and curriculums which support positive development and learning through play for diverse children including the observation, assessment and planning cycle