

CERRITOS COLLEGE

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (AS-T)

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FOR TRANSFER

Early Childhood Education transferable degree will enable our diverse student population to participate and reflect in the learning process of children and teachers by developing skills in observing and recording, planning experiences based on children's interests, and documenting the thinking and learning of young children. Through an understanding of the principles and practices of Early Childhood Education, the theories of child development and the importance of family, culture, and individual differences, in the process of learning, ECE students will build skills and competency in a continuous cycle of reflection, reflecting on theory and practice. The required course work will also encourage students to deepen their understanding of different curriculum areas and approaches, current assessment tools used in the field, positive guidance techniques, and how to set up a safe, healthy, comfortable and inviting learning environment for young children. Students will develop portfolios that document the learning process of young children and of their own reflective learning process, as co-constructors of knowledge, learning with children. This visual evidence of their learning will continue to be built upon when ECE students transfer to four-year institutions and pursue their careers in their specialized field of Early Childhood Education.

REQUIRED COURSES:

Course Number	Course Name	UNITS
CDEV C1000	Child Growth and Development	3
CD 124	Teaching in a Diverse Society	3
CD 139	Observation, Assessment, and Positive Guidance of Childhood Behavior	3
CDEC 111	Principles and Practices in Early Childhood Education	3
CDEC 112	Introduction to Curriculum	3
CDEC 113	The Child, Family, and Community	3
CDEC 161	Health, Safety, and Nutrition	3
CDEC 164	Practicum Field Experience	3
Total Units:		24

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REQUIREMENTS:

1. Completion of 60 CSU-transferable semester units.
2. Achievement of a minimum GPA of at least 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework. (Some majors may require a higher GPA. Students should consult with a counselor for more information.)
3. Completion of the major with a grade of "C" or better in each course or a "P" if the course was taken on a Pass/No Pass basis and the "P" is equal to a "C" or better.
4. Completion of the California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC).

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Note: The CSU GE (California State University General Education-Breadth) or IGETC (Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum) pattern may be used in some cases; please see a counselor for details. Successful completion of all levels of coursework is necessary for completion of, and graduation from, the program of study. In order to complete the program, the student must maintain a grade of “C” or higher whether enrolled in combined lecture/lab courses, practicums, or clinical experiences. When content is tied, each level must be completed according to identified criteria.

**All courses not completed at Cerritos College must be comparable in content, units, and granted by a college or university accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Equivalencies must be determined by the Child Development Department Chairperson.*