



Cerritos College to CSULB Special Education Program Pathway



Cerritos College Major Preparation Guide

The following courses are to be taken by students interested in transferring to CSULB's **B.A. Liberal Studies degree** with an option to apply into the **Education Specialist Credential Program (ESCP) Itep Pathway** that combines the B.A. Liberal Studies degree with an Education Specialist Credential in Mild/Moderate Support or Extensive Needs **OR** the **Urban Dual Credential Itep Pathway** that combines the B.A. Liberal Studies, with a Multiple Subject Credential and Education Specialist Credential **OR** apply to the **Education Specialist Credential** program for completion after completion of their B.A Liberal Studies degree.

Course	Course Title	Units
ENGL C1000 or ENGL C1000E	Written Communication or Enhanced Written Communication	4 or 4.5
COMM C1000	Public Speaking	3
ENGL 102	Introduction to Literature	3
MATH 110A	Mathematics for Future Elementary Teachers	3
MATH 110B	Mathematics for Future Elementary Teachers	3
ESCI 110	Introduction to Earth Science	4
BIOL 120	Introduction to Biological Science	4
PS 112	Physical Science for Elementary School Teachers	3
HIST 102	Political and Social History of the United States: 1500s to 1876	3
POLSC C1000	American Government and Politics	3
HIST 245	World Civilization from Antiquity to 1500	3
GEOG 105	World Regional Geography	3
MUS 105	Music Fundamentals	3
TH 101 or DANC 101	Introduction to Theatre or History of Dance	3
EDEL/PHIL 215	Philosophy of Education	3
EDEL 110	Introduction to Special Education in K-8 Settings	1
EDT 110	Introduction to Educational Technology	2
EDEL 200	Introduction to the Teaching Profession	3
EDEL 210	Special Education, Disability, Equity and American Education	3
CD 110	Child Development	3

Course	Course Title	Units
Take 1 class from the following:		
COMM 103	Argumentation, Persuasion and Critical thinking	3
ENGL C1001	Critical Thinking and Writing	4
ENGL 110	Critical Thinking Through Literature	4
PHIL 103	Philosophical Reasoning: Critical Thinking in Philosophy	3
+ PHIL 106	Introduction to Logic	3
PSYC 103	Critical Thinking in Psychology	3
READ 103	Analysis and Critical Reading	3

+ Course not recommended for new students beginning @ Cerritos College Fall 2025.

Course	Course Title	Units
Take 1 class from the following:		
AFRS 100	Introduction to Black/Africana Studies	3
+AFRS 107	Black Womanist & Feminist Thought	3
AFRS 108	Black Feminist & Feminist Thought	3
#GEOG 135	Ethnic Studies, Places, and Social Justice	3
#POL 280	Race, Gender & Sexual Identity in American Politics	3
POL 281	Race, Ethnicity & Latinx Politics in the U.S.	3
POL 282	Race, Ethnicity & Black Politics in the U.S.	3
#PSYC 262	The Psychology of Oppression	3
SOC 210	Race and Ethnic Relations in the U.S.	3
WGS 105	Gender Studies and the Chicana/Latina Experience	3

+: Course not recommended for new students beginning @ Cerritos College Fall 2025. #: Can be taken through SU26 ONLY for Ethnic Stud.

Course	Course Title	Units
Take 1 class from the following:		
+MATH 112S	Enhanced Statistics	4.5
+PSYC 210	Elementary Statistics	4
+STAT C1000	Introduction to Statistics	4

+: Only needed for new students beginning @ Cerritos College Fall 2025 or later to meet minimum CSU Admissions Requirement.
Recommended to take "Targeted for Future Teachers" sections under STAT C1000 or MATH 112S.

Course	Course Title	Units
Take 1 class from the following:		
ASL 110	American Sign Language 1	4
A&P 120	Introduction to Human Anatomy & Physiology	4
CDSE 150	Introduction to Children w/ Special Needs	3
CDSE 152	Care & Education for Infants & Toddler	3
COMM 110	Intercultural Communication	3
COMM 120	Interpersonal Communication	3
PSYC 251	Developmental Psychology	3
PSYC 271	Abnormal Psychology	3

Students following PLAN A – General Education will also be required to take 1 Health and Wellness course to earn AA. Special Education degree. See a Counselor to determine if you need this course.

With this pathway, students are able to earn their AA Education Studies: Special Education, AA-T Elementary Teacher Education, AA Education Studies, AA Social Behavioral Science and AS Natural Science degrees. Graduation Applications are to be submitted to Admissions during the student's final term at Cerritos College.

Students are encouraged to meet with the Teacher TRAC Program or EHS LCP Counselor to plan out their educational plan. Students can email Kevin Castillo at kcastillo@cerritos.edu to schedule an appointment.

Transfer: Transfer Applications are usually submitted October 1st-November 30th via Cal State Apply for Fall Admissions and August 1st-31st for Spring Admissions.

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