A Course of Study for

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AS-T

Early Childhood Education majors will be trained to supervise and provide care and learning experiences for infant through eight-year-old children in a variety of early childhood settings. Early Childhood Education professionals adhere to the guidelines as well as the Professional Code of Ethics of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) providing developmentally appropriate learning opportunities for the enhancement of the physical, intellectual, social, emotional and creative domains of young children. The Early Childhood Education major focuses on educational practices that emphasize interpersonal relationships, cultural diversity, child-centered curriculum and the inclusion of children with special needs in all educational opportunities.

The Early Childhood Education Program major follows a natural progression that allows students to move from short to long-term educational goals: preparation for the state Children’s Center Permit, fulfillment of post certificate Professional Development, completion of advanced California Career Ladder courses (including paired specialization courses as well as the California State Mentor course), completion of an Associate degree in Early Childhood Education — Career, Associate degree in Early Childhood Intervention assistant, Associate degree in Early Childhood Intervention Teacher, and transfer to a four-year institution.

Possible Early Childhood Education career goals include Early Childhood Education Teacher, Early Education Director, Early Childhood Intervention Assistant, Early Childhood Intervention Teacher, Family Home Child Care Provider, Private ECE Center Owner/Director, K through 12 Teacher, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher, K through 12 Special Education Teacher, Parent Educator, Early Childhood Education Instructor, Marriage Family and Child Counselor, Child-Life Specialist.

The Early Childhood Intervention Assistant program will prepare students for career placements in public and/or private early intervention and educational settings that serve typically and atypically developing young children. Specific jobs and responsibilities may include serving as an early childhood educator with a specialization in working with children with special needs, special education assistant for children birth to eight years of age, a one-to-one aide for a child (e.g., “inclusion facilitator”), classroom aide with expertise in special needs, or as an assistant to the early intervention team for infants birth to three years of age.

Grid for Early Childhood Education courses at California Community Colleges can be found at:
childdevelopment.org/cs/cdctc/print/htdocs/services_colleges_aligned.htm

PROGRAMS OFFERED
- Transfer Preparation

DEGREE
- Early Childhood Education Associate Degree for Transfer

Students may satisfy the requirements of this degree with approved courses (which may be fewer units) taken at other California community colleges. The courses listed below are SMC courses. If completed entirely at SMC, the Area of Emphasis requires 27 units.
TRANSFER PREPARATION
Many colleges/universities offer baccalaureate degrees in this field. Students planning to transfer to a four-year college or university should complete the lower-division major requirements and the general education pattern for the specific transfer institution. SMC has articulation agreements with the many UC and CSU campuses, as well as several private and out-of-state institutions.

Exact major requirements for UC and CSU campuses can be found online at assist.org.

A listing of private, nonprofit California colleges and universities can be found online at aicc.edu. For articulation agreements between SMC and some of these institutions see smc.edu/articulation.

SMC offers the Early Childhood Education Associate Degree for Transfer. Students completing this degree are eligible for priority transfer admission consideration in the majors at the California State University campuses listed below. In addition, you will be required to complete no more than 60 semester/90 quarter CSU units of coursework after transfer to complete your baccalaureate degree.

NOTE: If you are considering transfer to a UC, private, or out-of-state school, please consult a counselor before applying to transfer, as the transfer requirements may be different from those required for the Early Childhood Education AS-T.

For the most current list of CSU campuses accepting this Transfer degree visit calstate.edu/transfer/adt-search/search.shtml

ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FOR TRANSFER TO THE CSU
The Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) is designed to facilitate transfer admission to a CSU in a similar major. If you are considering transfer to a UC, private, or out-of-state school, consult a counselor regarding the transfer requirements of that institution.

Associate Degree for Transfer Requirements:
- completion of at least 60 CSU-transferable semester including:
  - completion of the Area of Emphasis with a grade of C or higher in each course or with a P if the course was taken on a Pass/No Pass basis, and the P is equal to a C or higher (Title 5 §55063)
  - completion of either CSU GE or IGETC; students transferring to CSU using IGETC must complete Area 1C (see www.smc.edu/articulation or visit the Transfer/Counseling Center)
  - a minimum of 12 degree applicable semester units completed at SMC
  - a minimum overall GPA of 2.0 in all CSU-transferable units Note: while a minimum GPA of 2.0 is required for admission to a CSU, some majors/campuses may require a higher GPA. Please consult with a counselor for details.)

CATALOG RIGHTS
A student may satisfy the requirements of a degree that were in effect at any time of the student’s continuous enrollment. Continuous enrollment is defined as enrolment in consecutive Fall and Spring semesters until completion.

SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON REVERSE.
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, ASSOCIATE DEGREE FOR TRANSFER

Upon successful completion of the Santa Monica College AS-T in Early Childhood Education, the student will have a strong academic foundation in the field and be prepared for upper-division baccalaureate study. This coursework will satisfy most of the lower-division Early Childhood Education requirements at many institutions. This degree is intended for students who are interested in Early Childhood Education and are planning on transferring to a four-year university.

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Completion of this degree will likely give you priority admission consideration in the majors at the CSU campuses listed below. In addition, you will need to complete no more than 60 semester/90 quarter CSU units of coursework after transfer to complete your degree. If you are considering transfer to a UC, private, or out-of-state university, please consult a counselor before applying to transfer, as that institution’s transfer requirements might be different from those required for the AS-T in Early Childhood Education.

Program Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of the program, students will demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to meet the entry-level requirements for early childhood professionals working in programs regulated by the California Department of Social Services (Title 22). This degree is designed to meet the requirements for the California Child Development Teacher permit and satisfies the course work required to transfer to a 4 year institution.

AREA OF EMPHASIS: (24 UNITS)

Required Core Courses: (27 units)

- ECE 2, Principles and Practices of Teaching Young Children (3)
- ECE 11, Child, Family and Community (3)
- ECE 17, Introduction to Curriculum (3)
- ECE 19, Teaching in a Diverse Society (3)
- ECE 21, Observation and Assessment (4)
- ECE 22, Practicum in Early Childhood Education (5)
- ECE 64, Health, Safety and Nutrition for Young Children (3)
- PSYCH 11, Child Growth and Development (3)