



A Course of Study for
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (AS)
Associate Degree,
Certificate of Achievement
&
Department Certificate Programs

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 in Science 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, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher, 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:
https://www.childdevelopment.org/cs/cdtc/print/htdocs/services_colleges_aligned.htm

ASSOCIATE DEGREE - 60 UNITS

The Associate degree involves satisfactory completion of a minimum of 60 semester units with a C average or higher including the required units in the area of emphasis (articulated below), fulfillment of the Global Citizenship requirement, and fulfillment of all Santa Monica College general education requirements, CSU GE or IGETC.

Catalog rights dictate that a student may satisfy the requirements of a degree or certificate by completing the general education and major/area of emphasis requirements in effect at any time of their continuous enrollment. Continuous enrollment is defined as enrollment in consecutive Fall and Spring semesters until completion.

At least 50% of the area of emphasis (major) units must be completed at Santa Monica College.

Each course in the area of emphasis (major) must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION - CAREER (30 units)

Please note: This is NOT the CSU transfer degree. Please see Early Childhood Education AS-T.

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 a California Child Development Teacher Permit.

Required Core Courses: (24 units)

- Early Childhood Education 2**, Principles and Practices of Teaching Young Children (3)
- Early Childhood Education 11**, Child, Family and Community (3)
- Early Childhood Education 21**, Observation and Assessment (4)
- Early Childhood Education 22**, Practicum in Early Childhood Education (5)
- Early Childhood Education 45**, Introduction to Children with Special Needs (3)
- Early Childhood Education 64**, Health, Safety and Nutrition for Young Children (3)
- Psychology 11**, Child Growth and Development (3)

Required Curriculum Courses; select 2 courses from the following: (6 units)

- Early Childhood Education 4**, Language and Literature for the Young Child (3)
- Early Childhood Education 5**, Math and Science for the Young Child (3)
- Early Childhood Education 8**, Creative Experiences - Art, Music and Movement (3)
- Early Childhood Education 17**, Introduction to Curriculum (3)

Recommended Additional Coursework: Students may want to consider some of the following courses to deepen their knowledge and understanding. These courses are recommended, not required for this program.

- Bilingual 1**, Introduction to Bilingual Studies (3)
- Early Childhood Education 9**, Introduction to School-Age Child Care (3)
- Early Childhood Education 10**, Developing Literacy (3)
- Early Childhood Education 18**, Childhood Culture and Personality (3) (same as Psychology 18)
- Early Childhood Education 20**, High Scope Key Experience Curriculum (3)
- Early Childhood Education 23**, Practicum in Early Intervention (5)
- Early Childhood Education 30**, Children with Challenging Behaviors (3)
- Early Childhood Education 31**, Communicating with Families (2)
- Early Childhood Education 35**, Foundations of Early Literacy (3)
- Early Childhood Education 43**, Administration 2: Personnel and Leadership in Early Childhood Education (3)
- Early Childhood Education 44**, Introduction to Family Day Care (1)
- Early Childhood Education 45**, Introduction to Children with Special Needs (3)
- Early Childhood Education 46**, Infant and Toddler Development (3)
- Early Childhood Education 47**, Developing Family Childcare (3)
- Early Childhood Education 48**, Adult Supervision and Mentoring in Early Education (3)
- Early Childhood Education 49**, Curriculum and Strategies for Children with Special Needs (3)
- Early Childhood Education 50A**, Parent Skills Development (1)
- Early Childhood Education 51**, The Reggio Approach (3)
- Early Childhood Education 54**, Documentation: Making Learning Visible (3)
- Early Childhood Education 55**, Environment as the Third Teacher (3)
- Early Childhood Education 60**, Child Observation and Assessment (3)
- Early Childhood Education 75**, Dance for Children: Creative Dance in the Pre-K and Elementary Classroom (3)
(same as Dance 75)
- Early Childhood Education 84**, Early Childhood Educator's Seminar (1)
- Education 1**, Careers in Education (3)
- Education 2**, The Early Childhood Through 12th Grade Teaching Experience (3)
- Education 20**, Strategies for Paraeducators (3)
- Education 24**, Paraeducator Fieldwork Experience (5)
- Psychology 1**, General Psychology (3)

Additional general education and graduation requirements for the Associate degree from Santa Monica College are listed on a separate sheet in the Transfer/Counseling Center, as well as online (go to www.smc.edu/articulation).

EARLY INTERVENTION ASSISTANT (33 units)

Program Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of the program, students will demonstrate the knowledge, skills and dispositions to work with young children with special needs and with those who may be at risk for developmental delays and disabilities, and with their families. The degree and certificate programs are appropriate for students working as assistants or paraprofessionals in early intervention or early childhood special education. The degree program is also appropriate for students working as early childhood teachers in an inclusive early childhood program licensed by the California Department of Social Services (Title 22). The degree is designed to meet the requirements for the California Child Development Teacher permit, while certificate is designed to meet two of the three requirements needed to qualify for the California Child Development Teacher permit.

Required Courses:

- Early Childhood Education 2**, Principles and Practices of Teaching Young Children (3)
- Early Childhood Education 11**, Child, Family and Community (3)
- Early Childhood Education 17**, Introduction to Curriculum (3)
- Early Childhood Education 21**, Observation and Assessment (4)
- Early Childhood Education 23**, Practicum in Early Intervention (5)
- Early Childhood Education 45**, Introduction to Children with Special Needs (3)
- Early Childhood Education 46**, Infant and Toddler Development (3)
- Early Childhood Education 49**, Curriculum and Strategies for Children with Special Needs (3)
- Early Childhood Education 64**, Health, Safety and Nutrition for Young Children (3)
- Psychology 11**, Child, Growth and Development (3)

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CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Catalog rights dictate that a student may satisfy the requirements for a certificate of achievement by completing the major/area of emphasis requirements in effect at any time during the student's continuous enrollment. Continuous enrollment is defined as enrollment in consecutive Fall and Spring semesters until completion.

At least 50% of the units required for Certificates of Achievement must be completed at Santa Monica College.

Students must receive a grade of C or higher in each course to successfully complete the Certificates of Achievement.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION - CAREER (30 units)

A Certificate of Achievement is granted upon completion of the required courses listed under the Associate degree.

Students who successfully complete this Certificate of Achievement may elect to receive an Associate degree by satisfying additional general education requirements listed on the Associate degree.

EARLY INTERVENTION ASSISTANT (33 units)

A Certificate of Achievement is granted upon completion of the required courses listed under the Associate degree.

Students who successfully complete this Certificate of Achievement may elect to receive an Associate degree by satisfying additional general education requirements listed on the Associate degree.

DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATE

Catalog rights dictate that a student may satisfy the requirements of a certificate by completing the major/area of emphasis requirements in effect at any time of their continuous enrollment. Continuous enrollment is defined as enrollment in consecutive Fall and Spring semesters until completion.

At least 50% of the units required for Department Certificates must be completed at Santa Monica College.

Students must receive a grade of C or higher in each course to successfully complete the Department Certificate.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CORE (12 units)

A Department Certificate for Early Childhood Education Core is granted upon completion of 12 units listed below.

This Department Certificate mirrors the courses required to obtain the Associate Teacher Permit according to the Child Development Permit Matrix issued by the California Commission of Teaching Credentialing. The 12 core units are needed for employment in a California Community Care Licensed program.

Students that desire to work in an early childhood setting are required to minimally complete these core classes.

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 certificate is designed to meet the Early Childhood Education course work which is one of the two requirements needed to qualify for the California Child Development Associate Teacher permit.

Required Courses: (9 units)

Early Childhood Education 2, Principles and Practices of Teaching Young Children (3)

Early Childhood Education 11, Child, Family and Community (3)

Psychology 11, Child Growth and Development (3)

Select 1 additional course from the following: (3 units)

Early Childhood Education 4, Language and Literature for the Young Child (3)

Early Childhood Education 5, Math and Science for the Young Child (3)

Early Childhood Education 8, Creative Experiences - Art, Music and Movement (3)

Early Childhood Education 17, Introduction to Curriculum (3)

CHILD DEVELOPMENT PERMIT MATRIX - WITH ALTERNATIVE QUALIFICATION OPTIONS INCLUDED					
PERMIT TITLE	EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (Option 1 for all permits)	EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT (Applies to Option 1 Only)	ALTERNATIVE QUALIFICATIONS (with option numbers included)	AUTHORIZATION	FIVE YEAR RENEWAL
ASSISTANT (OPTIONAL)	Option 1: 6 units of Early Childhood Education (ECE) or Child Development (CD)	None	Option 2: Accredited HERO Program (including ROP)	Authorizes the holder to care for and assist in the development and instruction of children in a child care and development program under the supervision of an Associate Teacher, Teacher, Master Teacher, Site Supervisor or Program Director.	105 hours of professional growth*****
ASSOCIATE TEACHER	Option 1: 12 units of ECE/CD including core courses**	50 days of 3+ hours per day within 2 years	Option 2: Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential	Authorizes the holder to provide service in the care, development, and instruction of children in a child care and development program, and supervise an Assistant and an aide.	Must complete 15 additional units toward a Teacher Permit. Must meet Teacher requirements within 10 years.
TEACHER	Option 1: 24 units ECE/CD including core courses**, <u>plus</u> 16 general education units*	175 days of 3+ hours per day within 4 years	Option 2: Associate degree or higher in ECE/CD or related field with 3 units supervised field experience in ECE/CD setting	Authorizes the holder to provide service in the care, development and instruction of children in a child care and development program, and supervise an Associate Teacher, Assistant and an aide.	105 hours of professional growth*****
MASTER TEACHER	Option 1: 24 units ECE/CD including core courses**, <u>plus</u> 16 GE units*, <u>plus</u> 6 specialization units, <u>plus</u> 2 adult supervision units	350 days of 3+ hours per day within 4 years	Option 2: BA or higher (does not have to be in ECE/CD) with 12 units of ECE/CD, <u>plus</u> 3 units of supervised field experience in ECE/CD setting	Authorizes the holder to provide service in the care, development and instruction of children in a child care and development program, and supervise a Teacher, Associate Teacher, Assistant and an aide. The permit also authorizes the holder to serve as a coordinator of curriculum and staff development.	105 hours of professional growth*****
SITE SUPERVISOR	Option 1: Associate Degree (or 60 units) which includes: 24 ECE/CD units with core courses**, <u>plus</u> 6 administration units, <u>plus</u> 2 adult supervision units	350 days of 3+ hours per day within 4 years including at least 100 days of supervising adults	Option 2: BA or higher (does not have to be in ECE/CD) with 12 units of ECE/CD, <u>plus</u> 3 units supervised field experience in ECE/CD setting; or Option 3: Admin. Credential*** with 12 units of ECE/CD, <u>plus</u> 3 units supervised field experience in ECE/CD setting; or Option 4: Teaching credential**** with 12 units of ECE/CD, <u>plus</u> 3 units supervised field experience in ECE/CD settings	Authorizes the holder to supervise a child care and development operating as a single site; provide service in the care, development, and instruction of children in a child care and development program; and serve as a coordinator of curriculum and staff development.	105 hours of professional growth*****
PROGRAM DIRECTOR	Option 1: BA or higher (does not have to be in ECE/ED) including: 24 ECE/CD units with core courses**, <u>plus</u> 6 administration units, <u>plus</u> 2 adult supervision units	One year of Site Supervisor experience	Option 2: Admin. credential*** with 12 units of ECE/CD, <u>plus</u> 3 units supervised field experience in ECE/CD setting; or Option 3: Teaching credential*** with 12 units of ECE/CD, <u>plus</u> 3 units supervised field experience in ECE/CD setting, plus 6 units administration; or Option 4: Master's Degree in ECE/CD or Child/Human Development	Authorizes the holder to supervise a child care and development program operating in a single site or multiple sites; provide service in the care, development, and instruction of children in a child care and development program; and serve as coordinator of curriculum and staff development.	105 hours of professional growth*****
<p>NOTE: All unit requirements listed above are <u>semester</u> units. All course work must be completed with a grade of C or better from a regionally accredited college. Spanish translation is available.</p> <p>*One course in each of four general education categories, which are degree applicable: English/Language Arts; Math or Science; Social Science; Humanities and/or Fine Arts.</p> <p>**Core courses include child/human growth and development, Child/Family/Community or Child and Family Relations; and Programs/Curriculum. You must have a minimum of three semester units or four quarter units in each of the core areas.</p> <p>***Holders of the Administrative Services Credential may serve as a Site Supervisor or Program Director.</p> <p>****A valid Multiple Subject or a Single Subject in Home Economics.</p> <p>*****Professional growth hours must be completed under the guidance of a Professional Growth Advisor. Call (209) 572-6080 for assistance in locating an advisor.</p>					

This matrix was prepared by the Child Development Training Consortium. To obtain a permit application, visit our website at: www.childdevelopment.org or call (209) 572-6080.

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