Early Childhood Education majors will be trained to supervise and provide care and learning experiences for infants 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 of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education, Associate in Arts in Early Childhood Special Education Teacher, K through 12 Teacher, K through 12 Special Education Teacher, Parent Educator, Early Childhood Intervention Teacher, Family Home Child Care Provider, Private ECE Center Owner/Director, Early Childhood Education Instructor, Marriage Family and Child Counselor.

The Early Childhood Intervention programs 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.

**TRANSFER**

Students planning to transfer to a four-year college should complete the lower-division major requirements and the general education pattern for the appropriate transfer institution. Santa Monica College has articulation agreements for this major with the following UC, CSU, and private institutions. Exact major requirements for these and other UC and CSU campuses can be found online at [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org). Articulation agreements with private and out-of-state institution can be found online at [www.smc.edu/articulation](http://www.smc.edu/articulation).

**CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN LUIS OBISPO**

- **B.S. CHILD DEVELOPMENT:** ECE 11, 21 and 22, 46; NUTRITION 1; PSYCHOLOGY 1, 11

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, DOMINGUEZ HILLS**

- **B.S. CHILD DEVELOPMENT:** MATH 54; PSYCHOLOGY 11; ECE 46, 60

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH**

- **B.A. IN FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES WITH OPTION IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES:** ANATOMY 1 or PHYSIOLOGY 3 or BIOLOGY 205 at CSULB; ECE 2 or 46; NUTRITION 1; PSYCHOLOGY 1; SOCIOLOGY 1 or ANTHROPOLOGY 2

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES**

- **B.A. CHILD DEVELOPMENT GENERAL OPTION:** ENGLISH 2; PSYCHOLOGY 1, 11; ECE 11, 46, 60
- **TEACHER PREP OPTION:** add SPEECH 1; ENGLISH 1*; 2*; SPEECH 11* or PHILOSOPHY 7* or 9*; HISTORY 1, 2, 11; POLITICAL SCIENCE 1; BIOLOGY 3; GEOLOGY 1 or 4; KIN PE 3

*Must be completed with a grade of C (2.0) or higher.

Please see [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org) for regular and blended elementary subject matter Teacher preparation options.

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTH RIDGE**

- **B.A. CHILD DEVELOPMENT:** PSYCHOLOGY 1; MATH 54 or SOCIOLOGY 4

**Notes:** Sociology 4 does not satisfy the general education math requirement. 12 units of Child Development courses may apply as electives in this major. Consult the CSUN Child Development office.

**SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY**

- **B.A. CHILD AND ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT:** ECE 11; ENGLISH 2; GEOGRAPHY 1, 2; PSYCHOLOGY 11

Santa Monica College has articulation agreements for this major (see [www.smc.edu/articulation](http://www.smc.edu/articulation) for exact requirements) with the following private and out-of-state institutions:

**KAPLAN UNIVERSITY**

- **B.S. PSYCHOLOGY/CHILD DEVELOPMENT:** Complete SMC A.A. Early Childhood Education to include the following: MATH 54; PSYCHOLOGY 1, 11, 12

**MOUNT SAINT MARY’S COLLEGE**

- **B.A. CHILD DEVELOPMENT:** PSYCHOLOGY 1 and 11 or 19; ECE 4, 8, 11, 64; MUSIC 32

General education requirements for the University of California, California State University, and other local universities are listed on a separate sheet available in the Transfer/Counseling Center, as well as online (go to [www.smc.edu/articulation](http://www.smc.edu/articulation)).

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*Please refer to the above web-site for the most current articulation agreement.*