



A Course of Study for

## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AS-T

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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.

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.

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.

**Grid for Early Childhood Education courses at California Community Colleges can be found at:**

[childdevelopment.org/cs/cdtc/print/htdocs/services\\_colleges\\_aligned.htm](http://childdevelopment.org/cs/cdtc/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.**

### 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](http://www.smc.edu/articulation) or visit the General Counseling and Transfer Services 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 means attendance in at least one semester (Fall or Spring) in each academic year.

## 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](https://assist.org).

A listing of private, nonprofit California colleges and universities can be found online at [aiccu.edu](https://aiccu.edu). For articulation agreements between SMC and some of these institutions see [smc.edu/articulation](https://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](https://calstate.edu/transfer/adt-search/search.shtml)

## ONLINE ASSOCIATE DEGREE FOR TRANSFER (ADT)

Santa Monica College offers the courses highlighted below fully online. Students may complete the degree requirements fully online. For math and lab science GE requirements, only Math 54 (or ACCTG/BUS 45 for CSU bound students) and Astronomy 3 are offered online.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, ASSOCIATE DEGREE FOR TRANSFER

**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.

Santa Monica College offers the courses highlighted below fully online. Students may complete the degree requirements fully online.

### AREA OF EMPHASIS: (27 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