



Early Childhood Education A.A. Degree

FULL TIME

This program roadmap represents one possible pathway to complete the program. **Please see a counselor** to create an education plan that is customized to meet your needs. This roadmap is not a guarantee of course availability or financial aid applicability.

Catalog: 2024-25

GE Pattern: local AA/AS

Total Units: 60

First Year

Semester 1

15 Units

CAT.	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT	GE AREA
Req	ECE 300	Introduction to Principles and Practices in Early Childhood Education	3	
Req	ECE 312 / PSYC 372	Child Development	3	Vb
Req	ECE 430	Culture and Diversity in Early Childhood Education	3	VI
GE	ENGWR 300 / 480 ^H	College Composition	3	Ila WC
GE		any Area I (Humanities) course	3	I

Semester 2

16 Units

CAT.	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT	GE AREA
Req	ECE 314	The Child, the Family and the Community	3	
Req	ECE 320	Curriculum and Interactions in Early Childhood Education	4	
Req	ECE 331	Care and Education of Infants and Toddlers	3	
Req	ECE 415 / NUTRI 320	Children's Health, Safety and Nutrition	3	
GE	MATH 310	Mathematical Discovery	3	IIb MC

Second Year

Semester 3

14 Units

CAT.	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT	GE AREA
Req	ECE 321	Advanced Practicum in Early Childhood Education	4	
Req	ECE 326	Making Learning Visible Through Observation and Documentation	3	
GE		any PE activity course	1	IIIa
GE		any Area IIIb (Life Development Skills) course	3	IIIb
GE		any Area IV (Natural Sciences) course	3	IV

Semester 4

15 Units

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CAREER PATH

Career Options:

- early childhood education teacher – infants through preschool
- preschool
- teacher assistant
- special education teacher (preschool, K-12, private)
- child development specialist
- family child care owner
- education administrator
- home visitor
- child life specialist
- parent educator
- resource and referral specialist
- children's museum educational coordinator

This degree helps students complete many of the requirements for transfer to a four-year college or university to pursue a Child Development B.A. degree. See a counselor for the additional coursework required for transfer.

Advising Notes:

- Students can substitute ESLW 340 for ENGWR 300/480.
- ECE 320 and 321 both have a lab and a lecture component. Each course requires students to complete 108 hours in an approved early education classroom. Students taking these courses will have the option of completing their practicum experience at the ARC Child Development Center (CDC), at their

CAT.	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT	GE AREA
Req	ECE 325	Positive Guidance Strategies with Young Children	3	
Req	ECE 404	Children with Special Needs	3	
Elec	ECE 424	Adult Supervision: Mentoring in a Collaborative Learning Setting	2	
RE	ECE 330	Infant and Toddler Development	3	
GE		any Area Va (American Institutions) course	3	Va
Elec		any elective course numbered 100-499	1	

^H honors courses

worksite (if it meets required lab placement criteria), or from a department-approved community placement site.

- Placements at community sites and the ARC CDC will require the following immunizations: a current TB test (0-12 months), T-DAP (within 10 years), and MMR. Students may sign a waiver for the flu vaccine.
- Students must complete both ECE 300 and ECE 312/PSYC 372 with a "C" or better before taking ECE 320.

Other Notes:

- While working toward this certificate students will qualify for the **Associate Teacher certificate** and the **Teacher certificate**. See ECE maps and meet with a counselor for guidance.
- Each ECE certificate level relates to the educational preparation for each level of Child Development permits through the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. See their website for additional requirements.

EXPLANATION OF CATEGORIES

Req	Required Core	A course that is required for this program
GE	General Education	A course that fulfills a specific general education requirement for a degree, which can be replaced with another course that meets the same requirement
Elec	Degree Elective	A degree-applicable course that is part of a degree roadmap to ensure that there is a total of at least 60 units, which is a requirement for an associate degree
RE	Restricted Elective	A course selected from a list of elective courses specified for this program in the course list in the catalog, which can be replaced with another course from the same list

Graduation Requirement

A course that fulfills a specific graduation requirement which can be replaced by another course that meets the same graduation requirement.

MC = Math Competency

WC = Writing Competency