



Early Childhood Education for Transfer AS-T Degree

This degree exposes students to the core principles and practices of the profession in order to build a foundation for their future personal, academic or vocational paths. The degree is designed to facilitate students' successful transfer to certain California State University (CSU) campuses that prepare them for advanced study in a variety of graduate programs, as well as variety of careers such as teaching, Child Development Specialists, Program Directors, and Child Life Specialists.

Total Units: 60

First Year

Semester 1

15 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
ECE 300 Z Introduction to Principles and Practices in Early Childhood Education	3		F(O), S(O)	
ECE 312 Z Child Development	3	Eligibility for ENGL C1000	F(O), S(O), Su(O)	Cal-GETC Area 4
ECE 314 Z The Child, the Family and the Community	3		F(O), S(O), Su(O)	Cal-GETC Area 4
CalGETC Area 1A-English Composition Z	3	Recommend meeting with a counselor	F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 1A
CalGETC Area 2-Math Competency Z	3	Recommend meeting with a counselor	F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 2

Z At least one section of this course is offered with free textbooks and is labeled as zero textbook costs (ZTC). If it is a GE area class or elective, there may be several ZTC offerings to fulfill the GE requirement. Use the Free Textbook filter to find these courses. Learn more on the [ZTC page of the college website](#).

Career Options/Outlook:

Early care and education professionals facilitate play opportunities to support the education and development of children from infancy to 8 years of age. They respond to children's interests and ideas by providing explorations that promote physical, social, emotional, and intellectual growth. **Career opportunities require more than an associate degree.**

A sample of reported job titles:

Early care and education teacher, infant toddler teacher, child advocate, family early care and education teacher and owner, Head Start and Early Head Start teacher, state preschool teacher

Projected job openings in California (2020-2030):

900

Projected growth in California (2020-

Semester 2

16 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS^	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
ECE 320 Z Curriculum and Interactions in Early Childhood Education	4	ECE 300 & 312 & Co-req: ECE 326; TB clearance & proof of immunization.	F, S	
ECE 326 Z Making Learning Visible Through Observation and Documentation	3	ECE 312	F, S	
ECE 430 Z Culture and Diversity in Early Childhood Education	3		F(O), S	
CalGETC Area 1B-Critical Thinking Z	3		F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 1B
CalGETC Area 1C-Oral Communication Z	3		F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 1C

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Year 2

Semester 3

16 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS^	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
ECE 321 Z Advanced Practicum in Early Childhood Education	4	ECE 300, 312, 320, and 326; TB clearance & proof of immunization	S	

2030):

15% growth

Median Salary in California with advanced degree (2021):

\$58,750/yr

Source:

<https://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/25-2012.00>

Transfer notes:

Please meet with a counselor for specific transfer course evaluation or transferring to a specific 4-year institution.

General Education (GE):

Non-specified GE courses identified by CRC or Cal-GETC Area without pre- or co-requisites can be taken at any semester.

This map also meets the requirements for:

The Certificate of Proficiency in Early Childhood Education, Associate Teacher

Honors option:

The CRC Honors Program is designed specifically for academically accomplished students and for students with the potential for high achievement. Students who complete

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ECE 415 Z Children's Health, Safety and Nutrition	3		F(O), S, Su	
CalGETC Area 3A-Arts Z	3		F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 3A
CalGETC Area 3B-Humanities Z	3		F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 3B
CalGETC Area 6-Ethnic Studies Z	3		F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 6

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Semester 4

13 Units

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Any transferable elective ²	3		F, S, Su	
CalGETC Area 4-Social & Behavioral Sciences ¹ Z	3		F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 4
CalGETC Area 5A-Physical Sciences Z	3		F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 5A
CalGETC Area 5B-Biological Sciences Z	3		F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 5B
CalGETC Area 5C-Biol/Phys Sci Lab Z	1		F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 5C

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15 units or more in honors-designated courses will earn special recognition as an Honors Scholar, a distinction that may entitle the student to guaranteed transfer and scholarship opportunities at select transfer colleges and universities.

About this program map:

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

Zero Textbook Costs (ZTC):

The Zero Textbook Costs designation and logo are added to any course that provides free access to all required instructional materials. These are typically shared with students through Canvas. Courses that are designated as ZTC may still require students to purchase supplemental materials such as lab coats, a calculator, art supplies, etc. See full definitions and searching tips on the [Zero Textbook Costs page](#) of the college website.

^You must have passed the prerequisite course(s) with a "C" or better; Corequisite must be taken during the same semester; Advisory means it is recommended but not required to enroll in the course.

*(O) = Online available, (P) = Partially online

¹ A total of 6 units from 2 disciplines is required to meet IGETC Area 4.

² Suggestion-select a course not taken from List A or B. Units needed to total 60 units for graduation. Refer to Course Number for the appropriate course level necessary for the degree.

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