



Early Childhood Education for Transfer AS-T 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: 2026-27

GE Pattern: Cal-GETC

Total Units: 60

First Year

Semester 1

15 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	ECE 300 Introduction to Principles and Practices in Early Childhood Education	3		
Req	ECE 312 Child Development or PSYC 372 Child Development	3		
Req	ECE 430 Culture and Diversity in Early Childhood Education	3		
GE	ENGL C1000 College Composition or ENGL C1000H ^H Honors College Composition	3		1A
GE	MATH 300 Introduction to Mathematical Ideas	3		2

Semester 2

16 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	ECE 314 The Child, the Family and the Community	3		4
Req	ECE 320 Curriculum and Interactions in Early Childhood Education	4	ECE 300 and 312	
Req	ECE 415 Children's Health, Safety and Nutrition or NUTRI 320 Children's Health, Safety and Nutrition	3		
GE	any Area 1C (Oral Communication) course	3		1C

ZTC

TRANSFER PATH

Potential Transfer Majors:

- Child Development B.A.

Potential Career/Options After Completing a Bachelor's Degree:

- program director in a publicly funded ECE program
- preschool teacher in a school district
- licensing analyst

With additional graduate coursework:

- special education teacher
- child life specialist
- K-12 credentialed teacher
- TK credentialed teacher
- ECE/child development professor
- licensed social worker
- licensed therapist

Advising Notes:

- Students can substitute ESLW 340 for ENGL C1000/C1000H (formerly known as ENGWR 300/480).

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
GE	any Area 6 (Ethnic Studies) course	3		6

Second Year

Semester 3

14 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	ECE 321 Advanced Practicum in Early Childhood Education	4	ECE 320	
Req	ECE 326 Making Learning Visible Through Observation and Documentation	3	ECE 300 and 312	
GE	any Area 1B (Critical Thinking and Composition) course	3		1B
GE	any Area 5B (Biological Sciences) course	3		5B
GE	any Area 5C (Science Lab) course ¹	1		5C

¹The Area 5C (Science Lab) course must correspond with either the Area 5A (Physical Sciences) or Area 5B (Biological Sciences) course and must be taken concurrently or after the lecture course.

Semester 4

15 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
GE	any Area 3A (Arts) course	3		3A
GE	any Area 3B (Humanities) course	3		3B
GE	any Area 4 (Social & Behavioral Sciences) course in a discipline other than ECE	3		4
GE	any Area 5A (Physical Sciences) course	3		5A
Elec	any transferable elective course	3		

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

- **Transferable Elective Courses:** any elective courses numbered 300-499, or having a 4-digit number starting with C.
- 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 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.

Other Notes:

- **ZTC:** With the proper selection of courses, this program can be completed without paying for any textbooks. Look for the ZTC symbol in the class schedule. Learn more on the [ZTC page](#) of the college website.

Other Notes to Students Preparing to Transfer:

- See [ASSIST.ORG](#) for the transfer requirements of the institution to which you plan to transfer.
- The CSU system requires every student receiving a bachelor's degree to be knowledgeable about the Constitution of the United States, American history, and state and local government. This requirement is generally known as the American Institutions requirement. Students can complete this requirement at ARC before transferring. [See a c](#)

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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
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[ounselor](#) for a list of approved courses.

Honors Courses (H):

Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or better who complete 15 or more units of Honors coursework earn an [Honors](#) Transfer Certificate and can take advantage of honors-to-honors transfer agreements with highly selective colleges and universities, both public and private.

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