

# Early Childhood Education AS-T (CSU GE Track)

+If you have completed coursework at another college and/or are starting in a semester other than a Fall term, please follow up with the Counseling Department to determine if this sequence is appropriate for your academic and career goals.

**Program Description:** The degree in Early Childhood Education is appropriate for students who would like to work with children in a preschool environment in both private and funded programs, work for child care resource and referrals agencies, curriculum specialist for children 0-8, behavioral interventionist, staff development specialist, site director, program director, as well as various careers that lend themselves to the deep understanding of how children grow and develop. [The Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act \(SB 1440\)](#)

**Program SLO:** 1) Demonstrate knowledge of a variety of types of programs for young children, the history of early care and education in the US, the ethical standards and the California Competencies which support Early Childhood Professionalism 2) Articulate an understanding of typical and atypical development of young children from birth – 8 including the health, safety and nutritional aspects of development 3) Develop strategies that promote partnerships and equity between program, teachers, diverse families, and their communities 4) Design and implement environments and curriculum which support positive development and learning through play for diverse children including the observation, assessment, and planning cycle.

**Important Transfer Information:** The sequence listed below, may not meet all your transfer admissions requirements. Connect with a counselor to develop an individual student education plan through the Counseling Department @ <https://www.canyons.edu/counseling> or (661) 362-3288/(661) 362-3811.

**Note:** The recommended GE courses follow the Elementary Education AA-T courses.

Major courses are sequenced and **BOLDED** based on recommendations by the [Early Childhood Education Department](#).

Can adjust order of general education courses, as needed

## First Semester (3-16 units)

FA = Fall; WI = Winter; SP = Spring; SU = Summer

Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses
<b>ECE 100</b>	<b>Principles and Practices of Teaching Young Children (FA, WI, SP, SU)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Major Course</b>
<b>ECE 101</b>	<b>Child, Growth, and Development (FA, WI, SP, SU)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Major Course and Area D</b>
*MATH 130 or another college-level math	Math for Elementary School Teachers or choose any college-level math course from CSU GE Area B4 (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3-4	Area B4
ENGLISH 101/101H	English Composition (FA, WI, SP, SU)	4	Area A2
Lifelong Learning	Choose one course from CSU GE Area E (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Area E
<b>Term Total:</b>		<b>16-17</b>	

\*Check transfer school transfer information to determine which math course is appropriate.

Check the [Honors website](#) for most recent course offerings. Must be enrolled in the Honors program to take courses - see below

## Second Semester (17-31 units)

Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses
<b>ECE 102</b>	<b>Child, Family, and Community (FA, WI, SP, SU)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Major Course and Area D</b>
<b>ECE 103</b>	<b>Observation and Assessment (FA, SP)</b> <i>Prerequisite: ECE 100</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>Major Course</b>

**Critical Thinking – <i>Dept. Recommends: COMS 227, ENGL 103/103H, or SOC 108</i>	Choose one course from the CSU GE Area A3 category (FA, WI, SP, SU) - Dept. Recommends: Introduction to Rhetorical Criticism (FA, SP) or	3	Area A3
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	Critical Reading, Writing and Thinking (FA, WI, SP, SU)		
COMS 105/105H or COMS 120	Fundamentals of Public Speaking (FA, WI, SP, SU) or Small Group Communication (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Area A1
ECE 130 or another CSU Elective	Infant/Toddler Development and Curriculum (FA, SP) or choose one course that is CSU transferable (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Elective – ( <i>Dept. recommends ECE 130</i> )
	<b>Term Total:</b>	<b>15</b>	

**\*\*Some CSU's will require a second semester of English Composition.**

### Third Semester (32-46 units)

Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses
ECE 104	<b>Introduction to Curriculum for Early Childhood Education (FA, SP)</b> <i>Prerequisite: ECE 100</i>	3	Major Course
ECE 105	<b>Health, Safety, Nutrition in Early Childhood Education (FA, SP, SU)</b>	3	Major Course
American Institutions – Choose Option I or II <i>Dept. Recommends Option 1: HIST 111 or POLISC 150</i>	Complete first course in chosen option – (note: must take both classes within one option) (FA, WI, SP, SU) - Dept. Recommends: United States History I (FA, WI, SP, SU) or Intro to American Government and Politics (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	American Institutions and Area C2
Biological Science - <i>Dept. Recommends: BIOSCI 100</i>	Choose one course from CSU GE Area B2 ( <i>if not taking the corresponding lab, will need to add a lab to the Physical Science course</i> ) (FA, WI, SP, SU) - Dept. Recommends General Biology (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3-4	Area B2 (and B3)
Arts Course <i>Recommends: DANCE100 or THEATR 110/110H</i>	Choose one course from CSU GE Area C1 (FA, WI, SP, SU) - Dept. Recommends: Dance Appreciation (FA, WI, SP, SU) or Understanding Theatre (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Area C1
	<b>Term Total:</b>	<b>15-16</b>	

### Fourth Semester (47-61 units)

Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses
ECE 200	<b>Practicum-Field Experience (FA, SP)</b> <i>Prerequisites: ECE 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105</i>	3	Major Course
ECE 106	<b>The Role of Equity and Diversity in Early Childhood Education (FA, SP)</b>	3	Major Course
American Institutions <i>Recommends Option 1: HIST 111 or POLISC 150 (select the one not previously taken)</i>	Complete second course in chosen option – (note: must take both classes within one option) (FA, WI, SP, SU) - Dept. Recommends: United States History I (FA, WI, SP, SU) or Intro to American Government and Politics (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	American Institutions and Area D
Physical Science <i>Recommends: PHYSICI 101, GEOLOGY 109 with 109L, or GEOLOGY 110</i>	Choose one course from CSU GE Area B1 ( <i>if not taking the corresponding lab, will need to add a lab to the Physical Science course</i> ) (FA, WI, SP, SU) - Dept. Recommends: Physical Science (FA, SP) or Earth Science (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3-4	Area B1 (and B3)
Arts or Humanities <i>Recommends: ENGL 110 or HIST 161</i>	Choose any course from CSU GE Area C1 or C2 (FA, WI, SP, SU) - Dept. Recommends Composition and Literature (FA, WI, SP, SU) or World History (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Area C1 or C2
	<b>Term Total:</b>	<b>15-16</b>	

**Total Units: 61+**

**American Institutions Requirement** – Select one of the options below and complete a total of 6 units

<b>Option 1</b>	One course from the following: Economics 170/170H, History 111/111H, History 112/112H, History 120/120H, or History 130 <b>AND</b> Political Science 150/150H
<b>Option 2</b>	History 111/111H AND History 112/112H

*Students can take additional ECE courses to fulfill elective units.*

### **Counseling Resources**

Early Childhood Education Department: <https://www.canyons.edu/ece>

CSU General Education Guide:

<https://www.canyons.edu/resources/documents/student-services/counseling/degrees/CSUGE20192020.pdf>

CSU/UC Articulation Agreements: [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org)

Cal State University: [www.calstate.edu](http://www.calstate.edu)

A Degree with a Guarantee: <http://adegreewithaguarantee.com/>

Future Educators Club: [cocfec@gmail.com](mailto:cocfec@gmail.com)

TEACH Program: <https://www.canyons.edu/academics/teach/index.php>

COC Honors Program: <https://www.canyons.edu/academics/honors/index.php>

Petition for Associate Degree: Check the student calendar for term-specific submission deadlines for the petition for associate degree. \*Summer graduation associate degree petitions are due by April 1st for your name to appear in the spring commencement pamphlet. The petition form must be reviewed with a counselor and may be found here:

[https://www.canyons.edu/resources/documents/student-services/admissions/Petition\\_for\\_Associate\\_Degree\\_and\\_Certificate\\_of\\_Achievement.pdf](https://www.canyons.edu/resources/documents/student-services/admissions/Petition_for_Associate_Degree_and_Certificate_of_Achievement.pdf)

### **Career Resources**

Career Tree: <https://www.canyons.edu/academics/ece/careertree/index.php>

California Career Zone: <https://www.cacareerzone.org/>

O\*Net Online: <https://www.onetonline.org/>

Bureau of Labor and Statistics: [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)

Professional Associations:

National Association for the Education of Young Children: [www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org)

California Association for the Education of Young Children: [www.caeyc.org](http://www.caeyc.org)