

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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## Early Childhood Education: Associate in Science (AS)

The Associate in Science in Child Development is an academic and vocational training program that prepares students for future work as early childhood educators in diverse early childhood settings. Courses are designed to meet entry-level requirements for employment and/or meet the requirements needed to obtain a California Child Development Permit and employment in a state licensed, private or publicly funded center-based child care program. Completion of specific coursework can also lead to employment in a program for children with special needs or an inclusion program. This program is designed to prepare students to compete for higher paying positions and to facilitate transfer to a four-year college or university.

Students whose are English language learners may also be interested in English for Childcare noncredit certificate and courses.

### Program Learning Outcomes:

- Demonstrate an understanding of typical development of young children.
- Identify and apply Developmentally Appropriate Practices in curriculum which include sensitivity to diverse family structures, abilities of children and individual learning styles.
- Compare and contrast developmental theorists and their contribution to early childhood education.
- Demonstrate the differences between typical and atypical development in young children and identify resources for children with special needs.
- Examine the differences between education models for ECE.
- Create Developmentally Appropriate education plans for young children identifying outcomes using Bloom's taxonomy and accurately document the learning that happens.
- Observe and assess young children's development using various observation and assessment tools.

### Career/Transfer Opportunities:

Career opportunities include the following: lead teacher, program director, site supervisor, consultant, or parent educator. Completion of core coursework meets entry level educational requirements in early childhood education programs per California licensing policies. Students wishing to pursue higher level careers in early childhood programs, human development, child psychology, social work, and secondary education should see a counselor to determine the transfer requirements of specific four year colleges or universities.

### Core Requirements (30.5 units):

Complete all of the following		Units
CHD 001	Child Growth and Development	3.0
CHD 002	Child, Family, and Community	3.0
CHD 008A	Practicum A	3.5
CHD 010	Principles and Practices in Education	3.0
CHD 013	Teaching in a Diverse Society	3.0
CHD 015	Observation and Assessment of Children	3.0
CHD 016	Infant and Toddler Development	3.0
CHD 017	Child Health, Safety, and Nutrition	3.0
CHD 020	The Child with Special Needs	3.0
CHD 026	Introduction to Curriculum	3.0

### Elective (6 units):

Complete six units from the following:		Units
CHD 003	Language and Literacy for the Young Child	3.0
CHD 004	Cognitive Experiences for Children	3.0
CHD 005	Music and Movement	3.0
CHD 006	Administration I: Programs in Early Childhood Education	3.0
CHD 007	Administration II: Personnel and Leadership in Early Childhood Education	3.0
CHD 014	Art and Creative Development of Young Children	3.0
CHD 018	Parenting Issues for Teachers	1.0
CHD 021	Children and Play	3.0
CHD 022	Adult Supervision in Early Childhood	2.0
CHD 024	Positive Guidance in Early Childhood	3.0
CHD 025	Inclusion Strategies and Curriculum in Early Childhood Education	3.0

**Required Units for the Major: 36.5**

Completion of General Education Requirements and electives as needed to reach 60 units.

**Total Units Required: 60.0**

### To earn this degree, students must meet the following requirements:

1. Completion of the following major courses with grades of C or better.
2. Completion of a maximum of 60 CSU-transferable semester units with a grade point average of at least 2.0; and
3. Certified completion of either the California State University General Education Breadth pattern (CSU GE-B) or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC).