

# PROGRAM OF STUDY

## Associate in Science in Early Childhood Education for Transfer

The E.C.E. program provides the course work required by the State of California Department of Social Services and for the Department of Education Child Development Permit. It also provides a foundation for transfer to four-year programs in Child Development, Human Development, or Early Childhood Education. A broad range of employment opportunities are available by fulfilling the various certificate and degree requirements. Career options include infant-toddler specialist, children's center teacher, family childcare provider, director or administrator in state-funded, public, or private early care and education settings.

Cabrillo offers options for a degree in Early Childhood Education. The first option listed below is the Associate in Science in Early Childhood Education for Transfer (A.S.-T), which is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. Students completing these degrees are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major. See Associate Degree for Transfer information in the Cabrillo College *Catalog*. This degree may not be the best option for students intending to transfer to a particular CSU campus or to a university or college that is not part of the CSU system. Specific lower division major preparation at four-year public institutions in California can be found at [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org). Please see a counselor for advisement for transfer to any four-year institutions.

The following is required for all A.A.-T or A.S.-T degrees:

- Completion of 60 CSU-transferable semester units.
- Minimum grade-point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework. While a minimum of 2.0 is required for admission, some majors may require a higher GPA.
- Completion of a minimum of 18 semester units in the major with a letter grade of "C" or better, or a "P" if the course is taken on a "pass/no pass" basis.
- Certified completion of the California State University General Education-Breadth pattern (CSU GE Breadth) or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) pattern.

The second option fulfills requirements for a non-transferable A.S. Degree in Early Childhood Education at Cabrillo College.

Contact the Early Childhood Education Department for an appointment with a faculty program advisor and the Cabrillo counseling office for further program and degree requirements.

## Learning Outcomes

The Cabrillo College Core Competencies (with an emphasis in the study of Early Childhood Education): 1. Communication: Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking, and/or Conversing 2. Critical Thinking and Information Competency: Analysis, Computation, Research, Problem Solving 3. Global Awareness: An appreciation of Scientific Processes, Global Systems and Civics, and Artistic Variety. 4. Personal Responsibility and Professional Development: Self-Management and Self-Awareness, Social and Physical Wellness, Workplace Skills

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### Completion of CSU or IGETC for CSU General Education Requirements

**GE Units**

37 - 39

### Core Courses (25 units)

**Units**

ECE 31	Child Growth and Development	3
ECE 32	Child, Family and Community	3
ECE 34	Observation and Assessment Methods in Early Childhood Education	3
ECE 51	Principles of Working with Young Children	3
ECE 52	Teaching in a Diverse Society	3
ECE 53	Introduction to Curriculum for the Young Child	3
ECE 54	Early Childhood Education Practicum	4
ECE 59	Health, Safety, and Nutrition Issues in the Child Care Setting	3

### Electives (0-2 units)

**Units**

Any course numbered 1-99.

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Note: ECE 31 and 32 are also general education courses.

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### Total Units

**60**