PROGRAM OF STUDY

Early Childhood Education AS-T Degree

Merritt College

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The Associate in Science degree in Early Childhood Education for Transfer (AS-T) provides students with a major that fulfills the general requirements of the California State University for transfer. Students with this degree will receive priority admission with junior status to certain California State University campuses.

Career Opportunities in

The Early Childhood Education AS-T program prepares students to function in a variety of early childhood programs and services. The program is for those who seek to prepare for a career in early childhood education/child development by meeting the requirement to work in public or private child care facilities or to transfer to a four year college or university. Those completing the AS-T in Early Childhood Education will be able to transfer to the California State University (CSU) campuses that prepare them for advanced study in a variety of graduate programs, as well as a variety of careers such as teaching, Child Development Specialist, Program Directors and Child Life Specialists. With a BA in ECE/Child Development, students are eligible for the Master Teacher and Site Supervisor levels of the CA Child Development Permit, using the Alternative Qualifications category.

Required Courses		**Units**
CHDEV 050	Principles and Practices of Teaching Young Children	3
CHDEV 051	Child Growth and Development	3
CHDEV 052	Observation and Assessment	3
CHDEV 053	The Child, the Family and the Community	3
CHDEV 054B	Introduction to Curriculum	3
CHDEV 055A	Practicum-Field Experience	5
CHDEV 074	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
CHDEV 080	Teaching in a Diverse Society	3
Total units for the major:		26

General Education (CSU-GE or IGETC)	**Units**
	37 - 39

Units that may be double-counted:	**Units**
	3 - 12

Electives (transferable courses):	**Units**
	0 - 7

Total Units	**60**