

Merritt College

Early Childhood Education

Overview

College	Merritt - Division I
Originator	Jennifer Briffa
Award Type	AS-T Degree

Codes and Dates

State Approval Date	6/15/2022
Curriculum Committee Approval Date	1/27/2022
Board of Trustees Date	2/22/2022
Current Effective Date	8/01/2022
Program Control Number	33081
Top Code	1305.00* - Child Development/Early Care and Education

Description

The Associate in Science in Early Childhood Education (ECE) for Transfer (AS-T) degree is intended to meet the lower division requirements for ECE majors (or majors that have been deemed similar in the CSU system). It prepares students to function in a variety of early childhood programs and services and is for students who seek to transfer to a California State University institution or to prepare for a career in early childhood education by meeting the requirements to work in public or private child care facilities.

The Early Childhood Education AS-T degree includes diverse topics covering developmentally and culturally appropriate practice, assessment of the learning environment and children, effective oral and writing communication skills, collaborative work skill and leadership skills, and advocacy of children and families.

The Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) program allows students to fulfill lower division major requirements at a community college and guarantees transfer with junior status to the California State University (CSU) system. Students who complete an ADT and transfer to a similar major at a CSU are guaranteed a pathway to finish their baccalaureate degrees in 60 semester units.

This AS-T degree program requires students to meet the following requirements:

1. Completion of 60 semester units that are eligible for transfer to the CSU system, including the following:
 - a. The Intersegmental GE Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University GE-Breadth Requirements (CSU GE-Breadth).
 - b. A minimum of 18 semester units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district.
 - c. A minimum of 12 semester units earned at Merritt College.
2. Obtainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0.
3. Obtainment of a minimum grade of "C" (or "P") for each course in the major.

Career Opportunities

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.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate developmentally and culturally appropriate practice, including managing the physical, temporal and interpersonal environments
2. Assess the learning environment and the children using standard assessment tools to form plans of action.
3. Communicate effectively orally, and in writing, in a child care setting with children, families & co-workers
4. Work independently, and as a team member, in an effective manner while continuously strengthening leadership skills.
5. Advocate within the community for continued support of children and families

Degree Requirements:

Required Courses	Credit Hours: (60 Required)
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
 Total Units that may be double-counted:	 Credit Hours: (0 Required)
3 - 9	
 General Education (CSU-GE or IGETC) Units	 Credit Hours: (0 Required)
37 - 39	
 Elective (CSU Transferable) Units:	 Credit Hours: (0 Required)
0 - 4	
 Total: 60	

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