

Early Childhood Studies: Elementary Education

Award Type: Associate in Science

Completion of Elementary Education program would qualify students for a Teacher-level permit issued by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. The program also provides the students with experiences in working with children in the elementary school setting. This prepares the student to work in Transitional Kindergarten, Title 5, Title XXII and federally-funded programs.

The graduate of the Associate in Science in Early Childhood Studies: Elementary Education will:

- Understand and apply child development theories and principles.
- Identify and implement observation, documentation and other assessment strategies.
- Value and cultivate collaborative family and community relationships.
- Identify, develop and implement developmentally appropriate curriculum and teaching practices to positively guide children's behavior and learning.
- Develop self-reflective habits and grow as members of the early childhood profession to understand the complexities of working with diverse groups of families, children, staff and the community.
- Develop an environment that honors the diversity of the learning community through empowerment, equity, respect and dignity.

Program Requirements

A major of 44 units is required for the degree. Required core courses: 38 units:

Course Number	Course Title	Units
ECS 100	Child Growth and Development	3.0
ECS 101	Child, Family and Community	3.0
ECS 102	Child Health, Safety & Nutrition	3.0
ECS 104	Principles and Practices of Teaching Young Children	3.0
ECS 105	Observation and Assessment	3.0
ECS 106	Introduction to Early Childhood Curriculum	3.0
ECS 116	Teaching in a Diverse Society	3.0
ECS 118	Practicum: Preschool	3.0
ECS 119	Practicum: Infant/Toddler	3.0
ECS 125	Curriculum for School-Age Children	3.0
ECS 130	Exploring Teaching	3.0
	or	
EDUC 130	Exploring Teaching	3.0
ECS 132	Child Identity and Learning	3.0
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EDUC 132	Child Identity And Learning	3.0
ECS 103	Introduction to Early Childhood	3.0

Plus a minimum of 6 units selected from the following:

Course Number	Course Title	Units
ECS 114	Parent/Child Relationships	3.0
ECS 117	Teaching Strategies for Dual Language Learners	3.0
ECS 122	Positive Child Guidance	3.0
ECS 310	Art for Young Children	0.5
ECS 311	Creating Learning Materials	0.5
ECS 312	Music for Early Childhood Educators	0.5
ECS 313	Science for Young Children	0.5

ECS 314	Engineering and Technology for Young Children	0.5
ECS 315	Math for Young Children	0.5
EMS 102	First Aid & Safety	3.0
ENGL 137	Children's Literature	3.0
MUS 110	Music Fundamentals	2.0
SPAN 104	Intermediate Spanish II	5.0