

## Early Childhood Studies: Special Education

**Award Type:** Associate in Science

Completion of ECS: Special Education associate in science program would qualify students up to a Master Teacher-level permit issued by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. This prepares the student to work in Title 5, Title XXII and federally funded programs.

**The graduate of the Associate in Science in Early Childhood Studies: Special 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 40 units is required for the degree.**

#### Required core courses

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 112	Introduction to Young Children with Special Needs	3.0
ECS 113	Curriculum and Strategies for Children with Special Needs	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 149	Cooperative Work Experience: Occupational	1.0 - 8.0 units
ECS 303	Introduction to Early Childhood	2.0

**Plus a minimum of 3 units selected from the following:**

Course Number	Course Title	Units
ASL 120	American Sign Language 1	3.0
ECS 111	Administration I: Programs in Early Childhood Education	3.0
ECS 114	Parent/Child Relationships	3.0
ECS 122	Positive Child Guidance	3.0
ECS 151	Infant and Toddler Development	3.0
EMS 102	First Aid & Safety	3.0