

EDUCATION

ASSOCIATE DEGREE & CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

2023-2024 CATALOG

DESCRIPTION

The Cuesta College Education Program supports 5 teacher pathways that include Early Childhood Teachers, Elementary School Teachers, Middle or High School Teachers, Special Education Teachers, and Career Technical Education (CTE) Teachers.

See the Applied Behavioral Science Division webpage for more information about teacher pathways: <https://www.cuesta.edu/academics/wed/appliedbehaviorsci/index.html>

The Elementary Teacher Education Associate in Arts for Transfer degree prepares students to transfer into a Liberal Studies or a similar elementary teacher preparation major. The degree is designed to meet introductory content area subject matter requirements for a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential since elementary school teachers need to teach many subjects in a self-contained classroom; the Multiple Subject Credential is required to teach at elementary schools. Students who complete the degree will also gain practical experience through classroom observations and interaction with elementary students and faculty. A student may complete the AA-T in Elementary Teacher Education, then the Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Studies or similar major to help prepare for the Multiple Subject Credential Teacher Preparation program.

In addition to preparing students for a Multiple Subject credential, the Education department also offers certificates and pathways that support future middle and high school teachers, special educators, and paraeducators. Certificate programs include those for Middle and High School teachers, Paraprofessionals, and those who would like a stronger foundation in Child Development.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Students who complete an [Associate Degree for Transfer \(ADT\)](#) and transfer to a similar major at a CSU are guaranteed a pathway to finish their baccalaureate degrees in 60 semester or 90 quarter units. These degrees require students to meet both of the following requirements: (1) Completion of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of 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 or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district. (2) Obtainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

DEGREES, CERTIFICATES & AWARDS

- Associate in Arts for Transfer (A.A.-T.)
- Associate in Arts (A.A.)
- Certificate of Achievement (C.A.)
- Certificate of Specialization (C.S.)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Career Technical Education (CTE) Teachers
- Curriculum Developer
- Early Childhood Teachers
- Elementary School Teachers
- Middle or High School Teachers
- Paraeducator
- Special Education Teachers

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An Associate Degree, depending on the focus of study, is designed to prepare students for transfer into upper division course work in a bachelor’s degree program, or, to prepare students to enter the workforce in a particular vocational field. To qualify for an Associate’s Degree, a student must: (1) complete each major-specific course required for the degree with at least a “C” grade or better, (2) complete all Cuesta College general education, graduation and residency requirements, and (3) achieve an overall grade point average of 2.0 for all courses attempted (major, general education, elective).

A Certificate Program is designed for students who desire specific training to meet an immediate occupational or personal goal, or for promotion or lateral transfer within their existing field of employment. To qualify for a Certificate of Achievement or a Certificate of Specialization, a student must 1) complete all courses required for the Certificate with an overall grade point average of 2.0.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE FOR TRANSFER PROGRAM

Elementary Teacher Education — Associate in Arts for Transfer

The Elementary Teacher Education Associate in Arts for Transfer degree prepares students to transfer into a Liberal Studies or a similar elementary teacher preparation major. The degree is designed to meet introductory content area subject matter requirements for a multiple subject teaching credential which is required for teaching at the elementary school level. Students who complete the degree will also gain practical experience through classroom observations and interaction with elementary students and faculty.

Required Core Courses (47-49 units)

EDUC 200	Introduction To The Teaching Profession	3
CDFS 201.	Child Growth And Development	3
BIO 201A.	Biology.	5
or BIO 211.	Life Science.	(3)
or BIO 212.	Human Biology.	(3)
and BIO 212L	Human Biology Laboratory	(1)
PSCI 210	Energy and Matter.	4
PSCI 211	Earth Science For Future Educators	4
MATH 220.	Mathematics For Elementary School Teachers.	3
COMM 201	Public Address	3
ENGL 201A	English Composition	4
ENGL 201B	Composition: Intro To Literature/Critical Thinking.	4
ENGL 201C	English Composition: Critical Thinking.	4
GEOG 225	World Regional Geography	3
HIST 203A	History Of World Civilizations	3
HIST 207A	History Of The United States	3
POLS 202.	Government And Politics Of The United States	3

TRANSFER PREPARATION

Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree may differ from those needed to prepare to transfer. Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university should schedule an appointment with a Cuesta College counselor to develop a student education plan (SEP) before beginning their program.

TRANSFER RESOURCES:

CSU and UC Articulation Agreements and Majors Search Engine:
www.ASSIST.org
 CSU System Information:
www2.calstate.edu

FINANCIAL AID

Paying for the cost of a college education requires a partnership among parents, students and the college. As the cost of higher education continues to rise we want you to know that Cuesta College offers a full array of financial aid programs—grants, work study, scholarships, federal loan programs, and fee waivers. These programs are available to both full-and part-time students who are seeking a degree or certificate. For those who qualify, financial aid is available to help with tuition, fees, books and supplies, food, housing, transportation, and childcare. Please log onto our website for additional information:
www.cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/finaid

List A: Select one course (3 units)

ART 200 Art Appreciation	3
or MUS 235 . . . Music Appreciation: Classical Music	(3)
or DRA 207 . . . Introduction To Theatre	(3)

List B: Select one course (3 - 4 units)

CIS 210 Introduction To Computer Applications	4
or CDFS 234 . . Children’s Books And Narratives	(3)
or HEED 202 . . Health Education	(3)
or HIST 210 . . . History Of California	(3)
or PSYC 201 . . Introductory Psychology	(3)

Total Credits: **53 - 56**

“P” (Pass) grade is acceptable for major coursework in the Associate Degrees for Transfer. In addition to major preparation course work listed above, completion of the CSU GE or IGETC pattern is mandatory. Courses completed for the major can also be double counted towards GE, where appropriate. See a counselor for details.

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ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM

Paraprofessional Educator/Pre-Teaching — Associate in Arts

The Paraprofessional Educator/Pre-Teaching Associate Degree clarifies and provides the path for future teachers of all 5 Teacher Pathways. Any student interested in teaching will be able to earn an Associate’s degree that is specialized for their individual teacher pathway and that, depending on the pathway and discipline, will lead to either employment or transfer. This degree also prepares students to work as Paraprofessionals in kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12) school settings satisfying the “No Child Left Behind” requirements and Title 5 Paraeducator associate degree requirement for employment in school districts and is the foundation for many of the transfer degrees associated with each pathway.

Required Core (12 Units)

EDUC 220 Introduction To Special Education And The Paraeducator Profession	3
CDFS 201 Child Growth And Development	3
CDFS 202 Child, Family And Community	3
CDFS 215 Children In A Diverse Society	3

Required Core meets 2 CSU GE Area D and Area E requirement.

CDFS 215 meets AA/AS Diversity requirement.

Complete one of the following five teaching areas of concentration:

Early Childhood (through age 8) Teacher Concentration (9 units)

CDFS 203. Curriculum For Young Children. 3
 CDFS 205. Introduction To Early Childhood Education:
 Principles And Practices 3
 CDFS 236. Introduction To Children With Special Needs 3

Note that completion of CDFS 201, CDFS 202, CDFS 203 and CDFS 205 also meets the Child Development Associate Teacher Certificate of Achievement requirements.

Elementary Teacher Concentration (9 units)

EDUC 200 Introduction To The Teaching Profession 3
 CDFS 236. Introduction To Children With Special Needs 3
 CDFS 237. Curriculum And Strategies
 For Children With Special Needs. 3

Note that EDUC 200 will meet teaching credential admission Intro to Teaching course and observation requirement.

Secondary (Single Subject) Teacher Concentration (9 units)

EDUC 200 Introduction To The Teaching Profession 3
 6 units of Single Subject Credential concentration area from Associate degree discipline courses. 6

Note that EDUC 200 will meet teaching credential admission Intro to Teaching course and observation requirement.(See Counselor for advice on which courses to take for your selected subject matter degree)

Special Education Teacher Concentration (9 units)

EDUC 200 Introduction To The Teaching Profession 3
 CDFS 236. Introduction To Children With Special Needs 3
 CDFS 237. Curriculum And Strategies
 For Children With Special Needs. 3

Note that EDUC 200 will meet teaching credential admission Intro to Teaching course and observation requirement.

Career Technical Teacher Concentration (9 units)

EDUC 200 Introduction To The Teaching Profession 3
 6 units from CTE field (Welding, Auto Tech, Culinary, etc.) 6

(See Counselor for advice on which courses to take for your selected subject matter degree)

Total Credits: 21

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Career Technical Education Teacher Preparation — Associate in Science

Prepares students for transfer to earn a Bachelor’s Degree in Career and Technical Education for teaching at the High School and Community College levels. The program of study includes courses in the student’s CTE discipline, as well as introductory teaching pedagogy and CTE classroom observations.

Required Courses (6 units)

EDUC 200	Introduction To The Teaching Profession	3
HEED 204	Standard First Aid And CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation)	3

CTE Concentration (18 units)

18 transferable units from any single CTE discipline
(i.e. Welding, Automotive Technology, Culinary Arts, Construction Technology, etc.)

Total Credits: **24**

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CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

PK – 3 Pathway For Elementary Educators — Certificate of Achievement

The PK – 3 Pathway for Elementary Educators Certificate of Achievement provides students with a foundation in child development, including understanding typical/atypical behaviors, applying developmental theories to learning, addressing challenging behaviors in the classroom, working effectively with diverse student populations, and designing developmentally and culturally appropriate curriculum. The PK – 3 Pathway for Elementary Educators Certificate of Achievement meets the California credential requirement of 24 ECE/CD units for TK teachers.

Required Courses (24 units)

CDFS 201.	Child Growth And Development	3
CDFS 202.	Child, Family And Community	3
CDFS 203.	Curriculum For Young Children.	3
CDFS 204.	Health, Safety, And Nutrition.	3
CDFS 205.	Introduction To Early Childhood Education: Principles And Practices	3
CDFS 206.	Observation, Recording Techniques And Assessment	3
CDFS 215.	Children In A Diverse Society.	3
CDFS 234.	Children’s Books And Narratives.	3
Total Credits:		24

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High School/Middle School Teacher Pathway

— Certificate of Achievement

The Middle School/High School Teacher Education Certificate of Achievement will enable students to gain practical experience through classroom observations and interaction with middle school/high school students and faculty. This Certificate is designed to be completed alongside an Associate Degree for Transfer in a specific major. Completion of an Associate Degree for Transfer will prepare students for transfer into a baccalaureate program at junior level status, and will facilitate the completion of subject matter requirements for a single subject teacher education program.

Required Courses (9 units)

CDFS 201 Child Growth And Development	3
EDUC 200 Introduction To The Teaching Profession	3
EDUC 210 Ethnic Studies For Educators	3
Nine units of Single Subject Credential subject matter area from Associate Degree of Transfer discipline courses	9
Total Credits:	18

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Paraprofessional Educator/Pre-Teaching — Certificate of Achievement

The Paraprofessional Educator/Pre-Teaching Certificate of Achievement clarifies and provides the path for future teachers of all 5 Teacher Pathways. Any student interested in teaching will be able to earn a certificate that is specialized for their individual pathway and that, depending on the pathway and discipline, will lead to either employment, an Associate’s degree, or an Associate’s Degree of Transfer, depending on the pathway and goal. Students must pair this certificate with the Paraprofessional Examination or add 27 additional units in order to gain employment as a Paraeducator.

Required Core (12 Units)

EDUC 220 Introduction To Special Education And The Paraeducator Profession	3
CDFS 201 Child Growth And Development	3
CDFS 202 Child, Family And Community	3
CDFS 215 Children In A Diverse Society	3
Required Core meets 2 CSU GE Area D and Area E requirement CDFS 215 meets AA/AS Diversity requirement.	

Complete one of the following five teaching areas of concentration:

Early Childhood (through age 8) Teacher Concentration (9 units)

CDFS 203 Curriculum For Young Children	3
CDFS 205 Introduction To Early Childhood Education: Principles And Practices	3

CDFS 236. . . . Introduction To Children With Special Needs 3
 Note that completion of CDFS 201, CDFS 202, CDFS 203 and CDFS 205 also meets the Child Development Associate Teacher Certificate of Association requirements.

Elementary Teacher Concentration (9 units)

EDUC 200 Introduction To The Teaching Profession 3
 CDFS 236. . . . Introduction To Children With Special Needs 3
 CDFS 237. . . . Curriculum And Strategies For Children
 With Special Needs 3

Note that EDUC 200 will meet teaching credential admission Intro to Teaching course and observation requirement.

Secondary (Single Subject) Teacher Concentration (9 units)

EDUC 200 Introduction To The Teaching Profession 3
 6 units of Single Subject Credential concentration area from Associate degree discipline courses. 6

Note that EDUC 200 will meet teaching credential admission Intro to Teaching course and observation requirement.

(See Counselor for advice on which courses to take for your selected subject matter degree)

Special Education Teacher Concentration (9 units)

EDUC 200 Introduction To The Teaching Profession 3
 CDFS 236. . . . Introduction To Children With Special Needs 3
 CDFS 237. . . . Curriculum And Strategies For Children
 With Special Needs 3

Note that EDUC 200 will meet teaching credential admission Intro to Teaching course and observation requirement.

Career Technical Teacher Concentration (9 units)

EDUC 200 Introduction To The Teaching Profession 3
 6 units from CTE field (Welding, Auto Tech, Culinary, etc.) 6

(See Counselor for advice on which courses to take for your selected subject matter degree)

Total Credits: 21

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Paraprofessional Educator Foundation — Certificate of Specialization

The Paraprofessional Educator Foundation Certificate of Specialization provides foundational courses for Paraprofessional Educators who will generally assist teachers in the classroom, supervise students outside of the classroom, or provide administrative support for teaching. Other positions/titles include classroom aides, special education aides, school library technical assistants, and tutors. The next step in the teaching profession after earning this certificate, is to complete the Paraprofessional Educator/Pre-teaching Certificate of Achievement and then Associate’s degree that will further prepare students to work as Paraprofessionals in kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12) school settings. If only earning this certificate, students must pair this certificate with the Paraprofessional Examination in order to gain employment as a Paraeducator.

Required (12 units)

EDUC 220	Introduction To Special Education And The Paraeducator Profession	3
CDFS 201	Child Growth And Development	3
CDFS 202	Child, Family And Community	3
CDFS 215	Children In A Diverse Society	3
Total Credits:		12

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