

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

ASSOCIATE DEGREE &amp; CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

2021-2022 CATALOG



## DESCRIPTION

Majoring in early childhood education prepares students for careers in a variety of early care and education settings as well as in related fields working with children, birth to age eight, and their families. Our program focuses on child development theory and early childhood education practices, with a particular emphasis on presenting practical information that can be used working with young children. Students will combine learned theories with practice, in actual settings with young children, under the supervision of Cuesta College Lab Teachers.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER PATHWAYS

Early Childhood Teacher Pathways prepare students to work with children from infancy into middle childhood in various learning environments. The Pathways will educate and train students to become effective teachers; provide hands on learning in the classroom; and support students to develop as teaching professionals.

Students who plan to work in the field of Early Childhood Education are advised to pursue a Child Development Permit (CDP). Early Childhood Education Program course work is approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing as meeting the requirements for the CDP Permits. The six levels of Child Development Permits are: Assistant Teacher, Associate Teacher, Teacher, Master Teacher, Site Supervisor, and Program Director. Students completing the core four courses (ECE 201, 202, 203, and 205) will qualify for an Associate Teacher Certificate, through Cuesta College. Students completing the ECE AA or AS-T degrees (coupled with experience in the field) are eligible for the Child Development Permit at the Teacher level.

The ECE Distance Learning Professional Track is designed for Early Childhood Educators, who are not pursuing a degree at Cuesta College, and who want to deepen their understanding of child development, build their early childhood classroom skills, and advance their careers in ECE in a supportive online learning community. Three professional certificates are available: Associate Teacher Certificate of Achievement (12 ECE units), Teacher Certificate of Achievement (26 ECE units), and Master Teacher Certificate of Achievement (35 ECE units). Early Childhood professionals may earn Work Experience credits at their early care and education sites, under the supervision of a mentor teacher.

## DEGREES, CERTIFICATES & AWARDS

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

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Before and After School Teacher/Director
- Behavioral Therapist
- Child Life Specialist
- Community College Instructor
- Early Childhood Teacher/Director
- Early Interventionist
- Elementary School Teacher
- Infant and Toddler Educator/Director
- Parent Educator
- Pediatric Specialist
- Resource and Referral Coordinator
- Special Education, Paraeducator

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## 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.

**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.

## 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](http://www.ASSIST.org)

CSU System Information:

[www2.calstate.edu](http://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/student-services/finaid](http://www.cuesta.edu/student/student-services/finaid)

**ASSOCIATE DEGREE FOR TRANSFER PROGRAMS****Child and Adolescent Development** — Associate in Arts for Transfer**Required Core Courses (13 credits)**

ECE 201 . . . . .	Child Growth And Development . . . . .	3
HDHS 212 . . . . .	Human Development: Life Span . . . . .	3
MATH 247 . . . . .	Introduction To Statistics . . . . .	4
PSYC 201 . . . . .	Introductory Psychology . . . . .	3

**List A: (6 credits)****Select one course from:**

HDHS 202 . . . . .	Child, Family And Community . . . . .	3
ECE 202 . . . . .	Child, Family And Community . . . . .	3
HDHS 214 . . . . .	Family, Relationships And Intimacy . . . . .	3
SOC 201A . . . . .	Introduction To Sociology . . . . .	3

**Select one course from:**

ECE 203 . . . . .	Curriculum Young Children . . . . .	3
ECE 204 . . . . .	Health, Safety, And Nutrition . . . . .	3
ECE 206 . . . . .	Observation, Recording Techniques And Assessment . . . . .	3

**Total Credits: . . . . . 19**

"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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**Early Childhood Education** — Associate in Science for Transfer**Required Core Courses (26 credits)**

ECE 201 . . . . .	Child Growth And Development . . . . .	3
ECE 202 . . . . .	Child, Family And Community . . . . .	3
ECE 203 . . . . .	Curriculum For Young Children . . . . .	3
ECE 204 . . . . .	Health, Safety, And Nutrition . . . . .	3
ECE 205 . . . . .	Introduction To Early Childhood Education: Principles And Practices . . . . .	3
ECE 206 . . . . .	Observation, Recording Techniques And Assessment	3
ECE 215 . . . . .	Teaching In A Diverse Society . . . . .	3
ECE 216 . . . . .	Practicum: Curriculum/Environment Supervised Field Experience . . . . .	5

**Total Credits: . . . . . 26**

"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****Child Development/Early Childhood Education** — Associate in Arts**Required Courses (29 credits)**

ECE 201 . . . . .	Child Growth And Development . . . . .	3
ECE 202 . . . . .	Child, Family And Community . . . . .	3
ECE 203 . . . . .	Curriculum For Young Children . . . . .	3
ECE 204 . . . . .	Health, Safety, And Nutrition . . . . .	3
ECE 205 . . . . .	Introduction To Early Childhood Education: Principles And Practices . . . . .	3
ECE 206 . . . . .	Observation, Recording Techniques And Assessment . . . . .	3
ECE 215 . . . . .	Teaching In A Diverse Society . . . . .	3
ECE 216 . . . . .	Practicum: Curriculum/Environment Supervised Field Experience . . . . .	5
ECE 245 . . . . .	Adult Supervision And Mentoring . . . . .	3
<b>Choose 6 credits from the following:</b>		
ECE 211 . . . . .	Music And Movement Activities For Young Children . . . . .	1
ECE 212 . . . . .	Childhood And Play . . . . .	1
ECE 217 . . . . .	The Study Of Parenting: Theory And Practice . . . . .	3
ECE 220 . . . . .	Art For Children . . . . .	1
ECE 221 . . . . .	Stem In Early Childhood . . . . .	1
ECE 223 . . . . .	Loose Parts In Early Learning: Theory And Practice . . . . .	1
ECE 234 . . . . .	Children's Literature . . . . .	3
ECE 235 . . . . .	Strategies For Challenging Behaviors In The ECE Classroom . . . . .	1
ECE 236 . . . . .	Introduction To Children With Special Needs . . . . .	3
ECE 237 . . . . .	Curriculum And Strategies For Children With Special Needs . . . . .	3
ECE 240 . . . . .	Infant And Toddler Development . . . . .	3
ECE 242 . . . . .	Care And Education For Infants And Toddlers . . . . .	3
<b>Total Credits:</b> . . . . .		<b>35</b>

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**CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS**

**Child Development Associate Teacher** — Certificate of Achievement

**Required Courses (12 credits)**

ECE 201 . . . . .	Child Growth And Development . . . . .	3
ECE 202 . . . . .	Child, Family And Community . . . . .	3
ECE 203 . . . . .	Curriculum For Young Children . . . . .	3
ECE 205 . . . . .	Introduction To Early Childhood Education: Principles and Practices . . . . .	3
<b>Total Credits:</b> . . . . .		<b>12</b>

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**Child Development Teacher** — Certificate of Achievement

**Required Courses (26 credits)**

ECE 201 . . . . .	Child Growth And Development . . . . .	3
ECE 202 . . . . .	Child, Family And Community . . . . .	3
ECE 203 . . . . .	Curriculum For Young Children . . . . .	3
ECE 204 . . . . .	Health, Safety, And Nutrition . . . . .	3
ECE 205 . . . . .	Introduction To Early Childhood Education: Principles And Practices. . . . .	3
ECE 206 . . . . .	Observation, Recording Techniques And Assessment. . . . .	3
ECE 215 . . . . .	Teaching In A Diverse Society. . . . .	3
ECE 216 . . . . .	Practicum: Curriculum/Environment Supervised Field Experience . . . . .	5
<b>Total Credits:</b> . . . . .		<b>26</b>

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**Child Development Master Teacher** — Certificate of Achievement**Required Courses (29 units)**

ECE 201 . . . . .	Child Growth And Development . . . . .	3
ECE 202 . . . . .	Child, Family And Community . . . . .	3
ECE 203 . . . . .	Curriculum For Young Children . . . . .	3
ECE 204 . . . . .	Health, Safety, And Nutrition . . . . .	3
ECE 205 . . . . .	Introduction To Early Childhood Education: Principles and Practices . . . . .	3
ECE 206 . . . . .	Observation, Recording Techniques And Assessment . . . . .	3
ECE 215 . . . . .	Teaching In A Diverse Society . . . . .	3
ECE 216 . . . . .	Practicum: Curriculum/Environment Supervised Field Experience. . . . .	5
ECE 245 . . . . .	Adult Supervision, Evaluation And Staff Relations In ECE. . . . .	3
<b>Choose 6 units from the following:</b>		
ECE 211 . . . . .	Music And Movement Activities For Young Children . . . . .	1
ECE 212 . . . . .	Childhood And Play . . . . .	1
ECE 217 . . . . .	The Study Of Parenting: Theory And Practice . . . . .	3
ECE 220 . . . . .	Art For Children . . . . .	1
ECE 221 . . . . .	Stem In Early Childhood . . . . .	1
ECE 223 . . . . .	Loose Parts In Early Learning: Theory And Practice . . . . .	1
ECE 234 . . . . .	Children's Literature . . . . .	3
ECE 235 . . . . .	Strategies For Challenging Behaviors In The Ece Classroom . . . . .	1
ECE 236 . . . . .	Introduction To Children With Special Needs . . . . .	3
ECE 237 . . . . .	Curriculum And Strategies For Children With Special Needs . . . . .	3
ECE 240 . . . . .	Infant And Toddler Development . . . . .	3
ECE 242 . . . . .	Care And Education For Infants And Toddlers. . . . .	3
<b>Total Credits:</b> . . . . .		<b>35</b>

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**Child Development Site Supervisor** — Certificate of Achievement

**Required Courses (35 units)**

ECE 201 . . . . .	Child Growth And Development . . . . .	3
ECE 202 . . . . .	Child, Family And Community . . . . .	3
ECE 203 . . . . .	Curriculum For Young Children . . . . .	3
ECE 204 . . . . .	Health, Safety, And Nutrition . . . . .	3
ECE 205 . . . . .	Introduction To Early Childhood Education: Principles and Practices . . . . .	3
ECE 206 . . . . .	Observation, Recording Techniques And Assessment . . . . .	3
ECE 215 . . . . .	Teaching In A Diverse Society . . . . .	3
ECE 216 . . . . .	Practicum: Curriculum/Environment Supervised Field Experience . . . . .	5
ECE 245 . . . . .	Adult Supervision And Mentoring . . . . .	3
ECE 246 . . . . .	Administration I: Programs In Early Childhood Education . . . . .	3
ECE 248 . . . . .	Administration II: Personnel And Leadership In Early Childhood Education . . . . .	3
<b>Total Credits:</b> . . . . .		<b>35</b>

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**Inclusion And Special Needs** — Certificate of Achievement

**Required Courses (13 Credits)**

ECE 201 . . . . .	Child Growth And Development . . . . .	3
ECE 215 . . . . .	Teaching In A Diverse Society . . . . .	3
ECE 235 . . . . .	Strategies For Challenging Behaviors In The ECE Classroom . . . . .	1
ECE 236 . . . . .	Introduction To Children With Special Needs . . . . .	3
ECE 237 . . . . .	Curriculum And Strategies For Children With Special Needs . . . . .	3
<b>Total Credits:</b> . . . . .		<b>13</b>

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