

EDUCATION

ASSOCIATE DEGREE & CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

2021-2022 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/>

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.

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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

Required Core Courses (47-49 units)

EDUC 200	Introduction To The Teaching Profession	3
ECE 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	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
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)

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/student-services/financial-aid

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

CIS 210 Introduction To Computer Applications	4
or ECE 234. Children’s Literature	(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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Paraprofessionaonal Educator/Pre-Teaching — Associate in Arts

Required Core (12 Units)

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

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

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

Note that completion of ECE 201, ECE 202, ECE 203 and ECE 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
ECE 236 Introduction To Children With Special Needs	3
ECE 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
ECE 236 Introduction To Children With Special Needs	3
ECE 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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CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Child Development For Elementary Educators —
Certificate of Achievement

Required Courses (15 units)

ECE 201 Child Growth And Development	3
ECE 202 Child, Family And Community	3
ECE 215 Teaching In A Diverse Society.	3
EDUC 200 Introduction To The Teaching Profession	3
ECE 237 Curriculum And Strategies For Children With Special Needs	3

Choose 1 unit from the following courses:

ECE 211 Music And Movement Activities For Young Children . . .	1
or ECE 212. . . . Childhood And Play	(1)
or ECE 220. . . . Art For Children	(1)

Total Credits:	16
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High School/Middle School Teacher Pathway

— Certificate of Achievement

Required Courses (6 units)

ECE 201	Child Growth And Development	3
EDUC 200	Introduction To The Teaching Profession	3
Twelve units of Single Subject Credential subject matter area from Associate Degree of Transfer discipline courses		12
Total Credits:		18

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Paraprofessional Educator/Pre-Teaching — Certificate of Achievement

Required Core (12 Units)

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

ECE 203	Curriculum For Young Children	3
ECE 205	Introduction To Early Childhood Education: Principles And Practices	3
ECE 236	Introduction To Children With Special Needs	3
Note that completion of ECE 201, ECE 202, ECE 203 and ECE 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
ECE 236	Introduction To Children With Special Needs	3
ECE 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

ECE 236 Introduction To Children With Special Needs 3

ECE 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

Required (12 units)

EDUC 220 Introduction To Special Education
And The Paraeducator Profession. 3

ECE 201 Child Growth And Development 3

ECE 202 Child, Family And Community 3

ECE 215 Teaching In A Diverse Society. 3

Total Credits: 12

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