

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

About the Program

San José City College offers an Associate in Science (AS), Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) and various Certificates of Achievement in Early Childhood Education. Our Graduates of the Associate in Science Degree Program qualify through academic preparation and field experience for work in child centers, pre-schools, day care facilities, infant and toddler centers and other programs serving young children. They are able to use instructional techniques, which promote intellectual, social, emotional, physical, and creative growth in children. After completing the Associate in Science degree, students will be eligible for the Teacher Level of the State of California Children's Center Permit, and qualify for employment as teachers in government and privately funded early care and education programs. In addition to working in childcare related facilities, the AS-T in Early Childhood Education also provides a foundation for students pursuing baccalaureate study in early care and education; child psychology; children, youth, and family services; child advocacy; social work and other social sciences. A grade of "C" or better is required for each course in the major or area of emphasis. A "P" (Pass) grade is an acceptable grade for courses in the major or area of emphasis if the course is taken on a Pass/No Pass basis.

Career Options ¹

- Child Care Assistant
- Child Care Associate Teacher
- Child Care Teacher
- Child Care Master Teacher
- Infant-Toddler Specialist
- Children's Center Teacher
- Family Child Care Provider
- Early Care Setting Program Director/Administrator

¹ Some career options may require a two or four year degree

Certificates/Degrees

- Certificate of Achievement: Associate Teacher – Level 1
- Certificate of Achievement: Teacher – Level 2
- Certificate of Achievement: Master Teacher – Level 3
- Certificate of Achievement: Inclusion Specialist – Level 2
- AS Degree
- AS-T Degree

Child Development Permit Track - Certificates of Achievement

The three teacher focused certificates are aligned with the Child Development Permit (CDP) Matrix created by the California Department of Education. Per California Department of Education and Department of Justice, students will need to have TB clearance and fingerprinting to complete Certificate of Achievement – Level 2 and Level 3. Students planning to transfer to a 4-year university should follow the AS-T degree.

Students interested in pursuing the Child Development Program Director permit should meet with SJCC's ECE Program Coordinator for more information regarding requirements.

For additional information, see a counselor, visit the Career/Transfer Center, or contact the following:

Humanities and Social Sciences (408) 288-3785
Division

Associate Degrees

- Early Childhood Education - Associate in Science (<https://catalog.sjcc.edu/degrees-certificates/early-childhood-education/early-childhood-education-associate-science/>)
- Early Childhood Education - Associate in Science for Transfer (<https://catalog.sjcc.edu/degrees-certificates/early-childhood-education/early-childhood-education-associate-science-transfer/>)

Certificates

- Early Childhood Education - Certificate of Achievement Level 2 (<https://catalog.sjcc.edu/degrees-certificates/early-childhood-education/certificate-of-achievement-level2/>)
- Early Childhood Education - Associate Teacher - Certificate of Achievement Level 1 (<https://catalog.sjcc.edu/degrees-certificates/early-childhood-education/early-childhood-education-associate-teacher-certificate-achievement/>)
- Early Childhood Education - Inclusion Specialist - Certificate of Achievement Level 2 (<https://catalog.sjcc.edu/degrees-certificates/early-childhood-education/early-childhood-education-inclusion-specialist-certificate-achievement/>)
- Early Childhood Education - Master Teacher - Certificate of Achievement Level 3 (<https://catalog.sjcc.edu/degrees-certificates/early-childhood-education/early-childhood-education-master-teacher-certificate-achievement/>)
- Early Childhood Education - Teacher - Certificate of Achievement Level 2 (<https://catalog.sjcc.edu/degrees-certificates/early-childhood-education/early-childhood-education-teacher-certificate-achievement/>)