

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION - ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

San José City College offers an Associate in Science (AS), Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) degree and various certificates in Early Childhood Education (ECE). Graduates of the Associate in Science degree 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. Students planning to transfer to a 4-year university should follow the AS-T degree. A grade of "C" or better is required in all ECE major, certificate and major elective courses..

Program Learning Outcomes

- Analyze current requirements and standards for early childhood educators and early care and education programs.
- Design daily schedules and classroom interactions with children consistent with current knowledge of child development.
- Document and assess the needs of individual children in early care and education settings.
- Plan and implement classroom based activities consistent with a developmentally appropriate curriculum.
- Communicate effectively with children, parents and coworkers verbally and in writing.
- Demonstrate knowledge of professional and ethical standards required to function successfully in early care and education programs.

A.S. Major Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
ECE 101	Introduction to Curriculum	3
ECE 101B	Practicum in Early Childhood Education ¹	3
ECE 102	Principles & Practices of Teaching Young Children	3
ECE 104	Art and Creativity for Children	3
ECE 105	Language Development for Young Children	3
ECE 107	Child, Family and Community	3
ECE 108	Health, Safety, and Nutrition in Child Care	3
ECE 109	Music, Movement, and Rhythm Activities for Children	3
FCS 070	Child Development	3
PSYCH 092	Developmental Psychology	3
Total Units		30

¹ ECE 101B must be taken at San José City College.

A.S. Degree Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
A.S. Major Requirements		30
Approved Major Electives (see below)		6
General Education Requirements		24
Physical Activity		1
Total Units		61

Approved A.S. Major Electives

Course	Title	Credits
ECE 016	Storytelling for Children	2
ECE 017	Literacy Development in Children	2
ECE 018	Children's Literature	2
ECE 020	Observation and Assessment Methods in ECE	3
ECE 106	Administration and Supervision of Early Childhood Programs I	3
ECE 110	Administration and Supervision of Early Childhood Programs II	3
ECE 145	The Child With Special Needs	3
ECE 146	Child Guidance and Discipline	2
ECE 147	Teaching Young Children in a Diverse Society	3
ECE 191	Infant Toddler Development	3
ECE 195	The School Age Child: Development, Behavior, Curriculum	3
FCS 019	Nutrition	3
PSYCH 010	General Psychology	3