

# CHILD AND ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT, AA-T

## Program Description

The Associate in Arts in Child and Adolescent Development for Transfer degree is designed to prepare students to transfer to certain California State Universities (CSUs). Students who complete the degree will be ensured preferential transfer status to CSUs in majors that may include Child Development; Child Development (Pre-Credential); Child Adolescent and Family Studies; Family and Consumer Sciences (Child Development & Family Studies); Human Development (Adolescent Option); Liberal Studies (Child Development). The degree requirements will fulfill the lower division major requirements at many CSUs. Students are advised, however, to meet with a counselor to assess the course requirements for specific CSUs and to validate which CSUs are considered local.

Learn more about the program on the [Child Development and Education website](#).

## Program Learning Outcomes

- Students will demonstrate understanding of the needs and characteristics of children, birth through middle childhood, and the multiple influences on their development as related to the high-quality care and education of young children.
- Students will demonstrate ethical standards and professional behaviors that deepen knowledge and commitment to the field of early care and education as related to NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct.

## Units Required

- Major: 30-33

## Associate Degree Requirements

Associate in Arts in Child and Adolescent Development for Transfer requires completion of a minimum of 90 units, including:

- Core and support courses for the major (30-33 units)<sup>1</sup>
- **Summer Session 2025 only**—CSU General Education Breadth (CSU GE Breadth) or Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC)<sup>2</sup> (49-58 units) (full certification is required)
- **Beginning Fall Quarter 2025**—California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC)<sup>3</sup> (45 units) (full certification is required)
- Transferable electives necessary to meet the 90-unit minimum requirement

<sup>1</sup> Some units from the core and support courses may be used to satisfy the GE requirement. Please see a counselor for more information.

<sup>2</sup> Summer Session 2025 is the final term during which CSU GE Breadth and IGETC may be used. Please see a counselor for more information. Important Note: Although it is possible to fulfill the requirements for the Associate Degree for Transfer by completing the IGETC for UC pattern, admission to CSU requires completion of an Oral Communication course (IGETC Area 1C; CSU GE Area A-1); therefore, students who plan to transfer to CSU should complete this course as part of their GE or elective units.

<sup>3</sup> Cal-GETC begins in Fall Quarter 2025. Please see a counselor for more information.

**Note:** All courses pertaining to the major must be completed with a grade of "C" (or "P") or better. In addition, the student must obtain a minimum GPA of 2.0.

## Core and Support Courses

Code	Title	Units
<b>Core Courses</b>		
CHLD 1	CHILD GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT: PRENATAL THROUGH EARLY CHILDHOOD	4
CHLD 2	CHILD GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT II: MIDDLE CHILDHOOD THROUGH ADOLESCENCE	4
PSYC C1000 or PSYC C1000	INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY - HONORS	5
STAT C1000 or MATH 17 or PSYC 7 or SOC 7	INTRODUCTION TO STATISTICS INTEGRATED STATISTICS II STATISTICS FOR THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES STATISTICS FOR THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES	5
<b>Support Courses</b>		
<i>List A</i>		
Complete three courses from List A:		12-15
ANTH 2A or ANTH 2AH or CHLD 8 or SOC 1 or SOC 1H or SOC 23 or SOC 40	CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY HONORS CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY CHILD, FAMILY & COMMUNITY INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY HONORS INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY RACE & ETHNIC RELATIONS ASPECTS OF MARRIAGE & FAMILY	
BIOL 8	BASIC NUTRITION <sup>1</sup>	
BIOL 10 or BIOL 45	GENERAL BIOLOGY: BASIC PRINCIPLES INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN NUTRITION	
CHLD 56	OBSERVATION & ASSESSMENT <sup>1</sup>	
CHLD 89	CURRICULUM FOR EARLY CARE & EDUCATION PROGRAMS <sup>1</sup>	
CHLD 95	HEALTH, SAFETY & NUTRITION IN CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS <sup>1</sup>	
GEOG 1 or GEOG 2 or GEOG 10	PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY <sup>1</sup> HUMAN GEOGRAPHY WORLD REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY	
PSYC 14	CHILD & ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT <sup>1</sup>	
PSYC 40	HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	
SOC 11	SOCIAL WORK & HUMAN SERVICES <sup>1</sup>	
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>30-33</b>

<sup>1</sup> The student may select a maximum of two courses from those noted.