

ELEMENTARY TEACHER EDUCATION ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE FOR TRANSFER (AA-T)

Division: Social Sciences

PROGRAM CODE: 1A32138

Financial Aid Eligible

The **Elementary Teacher Education Associate in Arts Degree for Transfer** (AA-T in Elementary Teacher Education) is designed to provide an opportunity for the Elementary Teacher Education major to achieve an Associate in Arts in Elementary Teacher Education for Transfer (AA-T in Elementary Teacher Education) which completes the first and second year requirements for transfer to a four-year public California institution. While at least a baccalaureate degree is recommended preparation for those considering professional careers, completion of this curriculum will demonstrate commitment to the field and provide comprehensive preparation for further academic study through upper-division course work. This curriculum specifically prepares the prospective transfer student for upper division coursework in Elementary Teacher Education or a similar major at a California State University (CSU) campus. Students should consult a counselor, the Transfer Center and the catalog of the transfer college or university to plan a specific program of study to meet the college or university's requirements. Note: Courses that fulfill major requirements for an Associate Degree for Transfer at Cypress College might not be the same as those required for completing the major at all transfer institutions offering a Baccalaureate Degree. The Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (Senate Bill 1440, now codified in California Education Code sections 66746-66749) guarantees admission to a California State University (CSU) campus for any community college student who completes an "associate degree for transfer", a newly established variation of the associate degrees traditionally offered at a California community college. The AA-T is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. Students completing these degrees (AA-T) are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major. Students transferring to a CSU campus that does accept the AA-T will be required to complete no more than 60 units after transfer to earn a bachelor's degree (unless the major is designated "high-unit" major). This degree may not be the best option for students intending to transfer to a particular CSU campus or to a university or college that is not part of the CSU system. Students should consult with a counselor when planning to complete the degree for more information on university admission and transfer requirements. Students with a degree in Elementary Teacher Education may pursue a career as a teacher in elementary education. To earn an AA-T in Elementary Teacher Education students must complete the following requirements: (1) a minimum of 50-52 semester units or 75-76.5 quarter units in the major or area of emphasis as determined by the community college district, (2) earn a grade of C or better in all courses required for the major or area of emphasis, P (Pass) grade is an acceptable grade for a course in the major only if the P is defined to be equivalent to a C or better (3) the California State University General Education Breadth requirements (CSU GE-Breadth) or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) pattern, (4) 60 semester or 90 quarter CSU-transferable units, and (5) obtainment of a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0.

Code	Title	Units
Required Core Courses (44 units):		
EDU 200 C	Elementary School Teaching	3
GEOL 105 C	Earth Science for Teachers	4
COMM 100 C	Human Communication	3
or COMM 100HC	Honors Human Communication	
ENGL 100 C	College Writing	4
or ENGL 100HC	Honors College Writing	
or ENGL 101 C	Enhanced College Writing	
or ENGL 110 C	Humanities - Ancient and Medieval	
CHEM 104 C	Physical Science for Teachers	4
or PHSC 104 C	Physical Science for Teachers	
BIOL 101 C	General Biology	4
or BIOL 101HC	Honors General Biology	
MATH 110 C	Math for Prospective Teachers	4
or MATH 110PC	Math for Prospective Teachers	
HIST 112 C	World Civilizations I	3
or HIST 112HC	Honors World Civilizations I	
ENGL 102 C	Introduction to Literature	3
or ENGL 102HC	Honors Intro to Literature	
GEOG 100 C	World Geography	3
or GEOG 100HC	Honors World Geography	
HIST 170 C	History of the United States I	3
or HIST 170HC	Honors History of the U.S. I	
POSC 100 C	United States Government	3
or POSC 100HC	Honors U.S. Government	
PSY 145 C	Child Psychology	3
List A - Select one course that meets A3 CSU GE (3-4 units):		3-4
ENGL 103 C	Critical Reasoning and Writing	4
or ENGL 103HC	Honors Critical Reason Wrtg	
ENGL 104 C	Critical Analysis and Literature	4
or ENGL 104HC	Honors Critical Analysis and Literature	
PHIL 172 C	Critical Thinking and Writing	3
List B - Select one or any course not taken in List A (3 units):		3
ART 110 C	Introduction to Art	3
MUS 116 C	Music Appreciation	3
THEA 100 C	Introduction to the Theatre	3
PHS 284 C	Contemporary Personal Health	3
PHS 296 C	Whole Systems Integrative Health	3

NOTE: Students should meet with an Elementary Teacher Education Counselor to choose recommended elective courses.

Total Units **50-51**

Program Student Learning Outcomes:

OUTCOME 1: Compare and contrast teaching strategies and approaches appropriate to students of diverse needs, abilities, and backgrounds.

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