

PROGRAM OF STUDY

AA-T in Elementary Teacher Education A.A. for Transfer

This program is designed for students who wish to earn a multiple-subject teaching credential authorizing them to teach in a self-contained classroom, typically in elementary schools in grades K-5. Students will study a broad range of subjects to prepare them for teaching including English, mathematics, science, social science, visual and performing arts, and human development. The AA-T provides a strong academic foundation in the field and preparation for upper division baccalaureate study. Upon successful completion of the program, students will be prepared to transfer to a California State University (CSU) and major in Liberal Studies. Then, after completion of the bachelor's degree, students will apply to a teacher credentialing program and complete their multiple subject teaching credential.

In this AA-T, competencies will be assessed through projects, examinations, laboratory experiments, and presentations. The coursework in the AA-T will satisfy most of the lower-division requirements at many institutions within the California State University system.

To earn an AA-T in Elementary Teacher Education, students must complete the following:

- A. A minimum of 60 CSU-transferable semester units.
- B. Minimum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework. While a minimum of 2.0 is required for admission, some majors may require a higher GPA.
- C. Completion of 51 specified major units. All courses in the major must be completed with a grade of C or better or a "P" if the course is taken on a "pass-no pass" basis (Title 5 § 55063).
- D. Certified completion of the California State University General Education-Breadth pattern (CSU GE Breadth) or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) pattern. NOTE: Although the IGETC pattern is permissible for the Associate Degree for Transfer, MATH R102 is NOT an approved course for the IGETC pattern; therefore it is recommended that students complete the CSU GE-Breadth pattern for this degree or complete a transferable math course that is approved for the IGETC as part of the remaining electives units.

Students transferring to a CSU campus that accepts the AA-T in Elementary Teacher Education will be required to complete no more than 60 units after transfer to earn a bachelor's degree. This degree may not necessarily 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.

Required Core Courses (45 Units):

		Units
EDU R122	Introduction to Education	3
ECE R102	Child Growth and Development	3
BIOL R101	General Biology	3
BIOL R101L	General Biology Laboratory	1
PHSC R170	Concepts in Physical Science	4
GEOL R121	Earth Science with Lab	4
MATH R102	Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers	4
COMM R101	Introduction to Oral Communication	3
ENGL R101	College Composition	4
	or	
ENGL R101H	Honors: College Composition	4
ENGL R102	Critical Thinking through Composition and Literature	4
	or	
ENGL R102H	Honors: Critical Thinking through Composition and Literature	4
GEOG R102	World Regional Geography	3
HIST R150	World History I	3
	or	
HIST R150H	Honors: World History I	3
HIST R130	History of the United States I	3
	or	
HIST R130H	Honors: History of the United States I	3
POLS R101	Government of the United States I: Institutions and Politics	3

List A. Select one (3 Units):

Units

ENGL R128	Advanced Composition and Critical Thinking Through Non-Fiction	3
PHIL R111	Critical Thinking and Analytic Writing	3

List B. Select one (3 Units):

		Units
ART R140	Multicultural Children's Art	3
ART R101	Introduction to Art and Visual Culture	3
MUS R103A	Music Appreciation	3
THTR R111	Introduction to Theatre	3

List C. (Optional) Select required courses as appropriate for the intended transfer institution:

		Units
EDU R124	Teaching Literacy in Diverse Classrooms	3
ENGL R125	Children's Literature	3
HIST R104	History of California	3
MUS R130	Understanding Music and Dance for Elementary Education	3

Total Required Units **51**