

## **AA-T ELEMENTARY TEACHER EDUCATION**

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The Associate in Arts in Elementary Teacher Education for Transfer (AA-T) degree meets the lower division course requirements necessary for the California State University (CSU) system. The Elementary Teacher Education program includes courses focused on the subject matter knowledge and competence needed to teach in the classroom. In pursuing the AA-T in Elementary Teacher Education, students acquire skills through early field work experience in community-based elementary schools. Students majoring in elementary teacher education develop critical thinking, problem solving, and written and verbal communication skills. As elementary teacher education majors, students have learning opportunities that are relevant to many types of careers working with children and parents including special education, elementary education, and social work.

Upon completion of program students will be able to:

- Analyze the role and responsibilities of elementary school teachers
- Describe the structure and functions of the education system in the United States and the state of California
- Conduct field-based observations in elementary classrooms using established protocols
- Compare several pedagogical approaches used in elementary school classrooms
- Utilize subject matter knowledge to analyze classroom-based elementary school lesson plans

**To be awarded the Associate in Arts in Elementary Teacher Education for Transfer degree, students must:**

- (1) Complete 60 semester units or 90 quarter units which are eligible for transfer to the California State University (CSU) system, including both of the following:
  - (A) The California State University General Education (CSU GE) requirements.
  - (B) A minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district.
- (2) Obtain a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

*While a minimum of 2.0 is required for admission, some majors may require a higher GPA. Please consult with a counselor for more information.*

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, SEE A COUNSELOR, VISIT THE CAREER/TRANSFER CENTER, OR CONTACT THE FOLLOWING:**

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Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADTs) also require that students must earn a “C” or better in all courses required for the major or area of emphasis. A ‘P’ (Pass) grade is acceptable grade for courses in the major if the course is taken on a “pass/no pass” basis.

### **MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (Core, List A and List B):**

<b><u>REQUIRED CORE COURSES (46 units):</u></b>	<b><u>UNITS</u></b>
COMS 020 Oral Communication	3
EDUC 010 Introduction to Education in a Multicultural Society	3
ENGL 001A English Composition	3
ENGL 001B English Composition	3
FCS 070 Child Development	3
GEOG 012 World Regional Geography	3
GEOL 015 Earth Science - AND-	3
GEOL 015L Earth Science Laboratory	1
HIST 011A World History to 1500	3
HIST 017A History of the United States	3
MATH 052 Mathematics for Elementary Education	3
POLSC 001 Politics and Government in America	3
PHYS 002A General Physics	4
Select <u>one</u> of the following BIOL courses:	
* BIOL 020 Human Biology - OR -	
* BIOL 021 General Biology	4
Select <u>one</u> of the following CHEM courses:	
* CHEM 015 Fundamentals of Chemistry - OR -	4
* CHEM 032A Intro to General, Organic, & Biological Chemistry	

### **LIST A – Select 1 course (3 units):**

COMS 040 Introduction to Argumentation	3
ENGL 001C Critical Thinking/Composition	3
PHIL 060 Logic and Critical Thinking	3

### **LIST B – Select 1 course (3 units):**

ART 090 Art Appreciation	3
MUSIC 091 Music Appreciation: Western Civilization	3
THEAT 020 Introduction to Theatre	3

**Total Units from CORE, List A and List B** **52**

\* Consult with a counselor to determine which courses are applicable within the major at the CSU you are planning to transfer to.

### **AA-T DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:**

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS	<b>52</b>
CSU GE PATTERN	39
TRANSFERABLE ELECTIVES	2 - 5
<b>TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED</b>	<b>60</b>