

# ELEMENTARY TEACHER EDUCATION (AA-T)

**Program Requirements:** Includes course requirements and sequencing that reflect program goals.

The Elementary Teacher Education program is designed for students who aspire to become elementary or special education teachers, and offers a breadth of study across disciplines. Elementary Teacher Education incorporates subject matter that prepares students to teach elementary education level subjects including science, mathematics, literature, history, geography and the arts.

Elementary Teacher Education coursework will also introduce theories of education and child development, as well as provide an early field experience. Students who complete these interdisciplinary courses will be able to:

1. demonstrate college-level skills in written English, oral communications, math, and critical thinking;
2. demonstrate a basic grasp of the disciplines most commonly taught in elementary schools in California, including physical science, biology, art, literature in a cultural or geographic context, world geography, United States history, and United States government;
3. demonstrate a basic grasp of child growth and development.

The Associate in Arts in Elementary Teacher Education for Transfer (AA-T in Elementary Teacher Education) is intended for students who plan to transfer and complete a bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies; Integrated Teacher Education, or a major deemed similar at a CSU campus. Students completing this AA-T degree are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not necessarily to a particular CSU campus or major of their choice. For a current list of what majors (and what options or areas of emphasis within that major) have been designated as "similar" to this degree at each CSU campus, please refer to [adegreewithaguarantee.com](http://adegreewithaguarantee.com) and seek guidance from a Moorpark College counselor.

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

1. Complete 60 semester or 90 quarter CSU transferable semester units.
2. Obtain a 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.
3. Complete 50-51 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). Even though a "pass-no-pass" is allowed, it is highly recommended that students complete their major courses with a grade.
4. Obtain certification of the California State University General Education-Breadth pattern (CSU GE-Breadth) or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC for CSU) pattern.

## Notes:

1. Although the IGETC pattern is permissible for the Associate Degree for Transfer, MATH M10 Mathematics for Elementary Teachers is **not** an approved course for the IGETC pattern, therefore it's recommended that the student 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 completion of the IGETC.

2. Students transferring to **California State University, Northridge (CSUN)** as a Liberal Studies major must complete GEOL M121 for the Earth Science and PHSC M01 and PHSC M01L for the Physical Science requirements.

3. Students transferring to **California State University, Channel Islands (CSUCI)** should take the following courses from LIST B and C: DANC M24 and MUS M24, CD/EDU M08, EDU M10, ENGL M40 and HIST M143. CSUCI has an approved subject matter program and the inclusion of the prescribed courses above allows students who graduate from the program to be waived from taking the Multiple Subject exam required for graduates of non-waiver programs. In addition, CSUCI offers an Integrated Multiple Subject or Educational Specialist program that includes the teacher credentialing program for interested students. This program allows for the completion of both the Bachelor's Degree and teaching credential simultaneously. Students interested in the integrated program must apply and possess a 3.0 or better GPA.

Course ID	Title	Units/ Hours
<b>REQUIRED CORE</b>		
CD M02	Human Development: Infancy through Adolescence	3
COMM M01 or COMM M01H	Public Speaking Honors: Public Speaking	3
EDU M02	Introduction to Elementary Teaching	3
HIST M130	U.S. History to 1877	3
HIST M150	World History to 1500	3
MATH M10	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers	3
College Composition:		
ENGL M01A or ENGL M01AH	English Composition Honors: English Composition	4
Introduction to Literature:		
ENGL M01B or ENGL M01AH	Lit:Critical Thinking and Comp Honors: English Composition	4
World Regional Geography:		
GEOG M03	World Regional Geography	3

or GEOG M03H	Honors: World Regional Geog.	
Earth Science:		
Select one of the following:		4
GEOL M121	Earth Science with Lab	
GEOL M02 & M02L	Physical Geology and Physical Geology Lab	
NOTE: Students transferring to CSUN Liberal Studies major MUST complete GEOL M121.		
Introduction to American Government and Politics:		
POLS M03	American Government & Politics	3
or POLS M03H	Honors: American Government and Politics	
Physical Science:		
Select one of the following:		4
CHEM M12	Introductory Chemistry I	
PHSC M01 & M01L	Principles of Physical Science and Principles of Physical Science Laboratory	
PHYS M01 & M01L	Descriptive Physics and Descriptive Physics Lab	
NOTE: Students transferring to CSUN Liberal Studies major MUST complete PHSC M01 and PHSC M01L.		
Biology:		
Select one of the following:		4-5
BIOL M01	Introduction to Biology	
BIOL M02A or BIOL M02AH	General Biology I Honors: General Biology I	
Units from LIST A		3
Units from LIST B		3
LIST C (optional)		0-12

**LIST A**

COMM M25	Intro. to Rhetorical Criticism	3
ENGL M01C	Critical Thinking and Comp	3
or ENGL M01CH	Honors: Critical Thinking and Composition	
PHIL M05	Crit Think & Analy Writing	3

**LIST B**

ARTH M100	Understanding Art	3
or ARTH M100H	Honors: Understanding Art	
EDU M08	Children's Art within a Multicultural Perspective	3
MUS M08	Music Appreciation	3
THA M01	Introduction to Theatre	3
or THA M01H	Honors: Introduction to Theatre	

**LIST C**

Select required courses as appropriate for the intended transfer institution:		
DANC M24 & MUS M24	Introduction to Dance Education and Intro to Music Education	1.5/1.5
EDU M10	Developing Literacy in Diverse Classrooms	3
ENGL M40	Children's Literature	3
HIST M143	History of California	3

**Total Units for the Major: 50 - 51****General Education Requirements****CSU GE-Breadth Certification Plan: 39****IGETC: 37\***

\*IGETC Area 1C (Oral Communication) is required for all CSU applicants. Students applying to a UC or Private School may earn this will be ineligible to apply to a CSU.

**TOTAL DEGREE UNITS: 60**