



Early Childhood Studies Concentration Integrated Teacher Education Program in Special Education

There is a critical need for special education teachers in California and across the nation. With the Early Childhood Studies Integrated Teacher Education program in Special Education (ITEP-SE), you have the opportunity to complete a bachelor’s degree in Early Childhood Studies and a credential in Special Education in one, intensive four-year program.

The ITEP-SE program is offered by the Department of Early Childhood Studies and the Department of Educational Leadership and Special Education in the School of Education. The mission of the Early Childhood Studies department is to prepare knowledgeable and caring professionals who are committed to contributing to a just society through high-quality education and social services for all children and families. The mission of the Education Specialist credential programs is the advancement of excellence within the special education profession. Combined, these two departments offer you a strong foundation in developmental principles and the specific skills you need to support students with disabilities in achieving their goals.

Quick Overview

Years 1 and 2	Complete General Education (GE) and lower division courses in the ECS major or ADT: Child Development
Spring of Sophomore Year	Apply to the ITEP-SE program
Years 3 and 4	Complete upper division GE, upper division courses in the ECS major, and special education credential courses.

The ITEP-SE program is more intensive than programs that lead to a typical bachelor’s degree – you should plan to work closely with your advisor and to complete 15-19 units per semester.

Requirements

- **Students must complete two years in the Early Childhood Studies major at Sonoma State University or an Associate Degree for Transfer in Early Childhood Education at a California Community College before applying to the ITEP-SE concentration.** Those who change majors or take transfer program other than Child Development may still apply, but cannot complete the degree and credential in four years.
- **Transfer students and students currently enrolled at SSU must have a GPA of at least 2.67 in order to declare Early Childhood Studies-ITEP-SE as a major.**
- **Meet all statutory requirements for entry to the ITEP-SE credential program.**

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Requirements for the Integrated Teacher Education Program in Special Education

The ITEP-SE requires that you complete a total of 134-135 units. Units fall into the following categories:

- General Education (48 units)
ECS Major Units (33 Core)
Credential Units (46-47 units)
University Electives (7-8 units)
(note that one course double counts towards both the major and GE)

ECS Major Core Requirements (33 units)

Table listing ECS Major Core Requirements with course numbers and unit counts. Includes notes about fieldwork for asterisked courses and enrollment restrictions for EDEC 478.

Credential Requirements (46-47 units)

Table listing Credential Requirements with course numbers and unit counts, including OR options for some courses.





SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

School of Education
 Department of Early Childhood Studies
 www.sonoma.edu/education/ecs

Sample 4-Year Plan*

FRESHMAN YEAR: 32 UNITS			
<i>Fall Semester (16 units)</i>		<i>Spring Semester (16 units)</i>	
GE Area A1	3	GE Area A3	3
GE Area A2	3	GE Area B	3
GE Area B4 (math)	3	GE Area C	3
GE Area B	3	GE Area D (American Institutions)	3
GE Area D (American Institutions)	3	EDEC 178	1
UNIV 102	1	University Elective	3
SOPHOMORE YEAR: 31 UNITS			
<i>Fall Semester (15 units)</i>		<i>Spring Semester (16 units)</i>	
GE Area C	3	EDEC 237	4
EDEC 201	4	EDEC 420	3
EDEC 220	4	GE Area C	3
EDEC 270	4	GE Area D	3
		GE Area E	3
JUNIOR YEAR: 36 UNITS			
<i>Fall Semester (17 units)</i>		<i>Spring Semester (19 units)</i>	
EDSP 432	4	EDEC 435	4
EDSP 430	3	EDSP 421C&D	2
EDMS 463	3	EDSP 421A	3
EDSP 422A + 421B	4	EDSS 446	4
Upper Division GE Area D	3	Upper Division GE Area C (ethnic studies)	3
		University Elective	3
SENIOR YEAR: 35-36 UNITS			
<i>Fall Semester (18 units)</i>		<i>Spring Semester (17-18 units)</i>	
EDEC 460	4		
EDSP 422B	1	EDEC 478	1
EDSP 423	3	EDSP 460	2
EDSP 424	3	EDSP 465/467	11
EDSP 425 or 426	4	EDMS 474 or EDSP 428	3-4
Upper Division GE Area B	3		

Sample 2-Year Plan*

This plan assumes transfer completed a child-development/early childhood AA-T at community college.

JUNIOR YEAR: 33 UNITS			
<i>Fall Semester (17 units)</i>		<i>Spring Semester (19 units)</i>	
EDSP 432	4	EDEC 435	4
EDSP 430	3	EDSP 421C&D	2
EDMS 463	3	EDSP 421A	3
EDSP 422A + 421B	4	EDSS 446	4
Upper Division GE Area D	3	Upper Division GE Area C (ethnic studies)	3
		University Elective	3
SENIOR YEAR: 35-36 UNITS			
<i>Fall Semester (18 units)</i>		<i>Spring Semester (17-18 units)</i>	
EDEC 460	4		
EDSP 422B	1	EDEC 478	1
EDSP 423	3	EDSP 460	2
EDSP 424	3	EDSP 465/467	11
EDSP 425 or 426	4	EDMS 474 or EDSP 428	3-4
Upper Division GE Area B	3		

*There are different ways to complete this program. Please work with your advisor to figure out the best plan for you.

