The CSUF Child & Adolescent Development Early Childhood Option represents the most effective and efficient pathway for students transferring from the community college to complete their study of early childhood.

A baccalaureate degree consists of 120 (or more) units.
- A maximum of 70 units can be from community colleges.
- At least 30 units must be from CSUF (the institution granting the degree).
- At least 40 units must be upper-division (advanced) coursework.
  - 9 upper-division units in GE
  - 31 upper-division units in major

Transfer students take these courses at one or more community colleges; resident freshmen (or students whose community college did not offer one or more course) take these courses at CSUF.

These courses provide advanced, upper-division study of the methods, theory, and empirical findings that underlie recommended strategies in early care and education.

This course provides a capstone experience, integrating previous coursework within the context of public policy, advocacy, and leadership.

This course provides an opportunity to explore different ECE contexts and teacher evaluation and supervision with peers.

These courses provide depth and breadth, expanding on knowledge of research, theories, and practices in each area.

Students are required to complete 51 units of General Education; 42 of those units are lower-division coursework and can be completed at a community college.

Students are required to complete 9 units of upper-division GE coursework at CSUF.

Because the baccalaureate requires 40 units of upper-division coursework, these classes are applied to the major as required electives.