

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Program Description

The Child Development Program is an academic and vocational training program that prepares students for future work as early childhood educators in diverse early childhood settings. Courses and certificates are designed to meet entry-level requirements for the level of work chosen and/or meet the requirements needed to obtain a California Child Development Permit to become an Assistant Teacher, Associate Teacher, Teacher, Master Teacher and/or Site Supervisor in state-licensed, publicly funded, center-based child care and development programs. Students planning to transfer to a four-year university as a child development or related major may be able to apply some child development units toward the lower division major preparation requirements or qualify for the AS-T in Early Childhood Education. Please see a Foothill counselor for more information.

Learn more about the program on the [Child Development and Education website](#).

Associate Degree for Transfer

This program also offers Associate Degrees for Transfer. Learn more and review the degree requirements on the following listings: [Child and Adolescent Development AA-T](#), [Early Childhood Education AS-T](#) and [Elementary Teacher Education AA-T](#).

Program Learning Outcomes

- Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the needs and characteristics of children from birth through middle childhood, and the multiple influences on their development as related to the high-quality care and education of young children.
- Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of ethical standards and professional behaviors that deepen knowledge and commitment to the field of early care and education as related to National Association for the Education of Young Children Code of Ethical Conduct.

Career Opportunities

The Child Development program is an academic and vocational training program which prepares students for future work as early childhood educators in diverse early childhood settings. Coursework and certificates meet professional requirements for work in early childhood programs. Students wishing to pursue careers in related fields such as human development, child psychology, social work, and primary education should see a counselor to determine the transfer requirements of specific four-year universities.

Award Type(s)

- AA = Associate in Arts Degree
- CA = Certificate of Achievement

Units Required

- Major: 49
- Certificate(s): 18-85

Associate Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Units
English Proficiency		
Select one of the following:		
ENGL 1A	COMPOSITION & READING	5
ENGL 1AH	HONORS COMPOSITION & READING	5
ENGL 1S & ENGL 1T	INTEGRATED COMPOSITION & READING and INTEGRATED COMPOSITION & READING	8
or equivalent		
Mathematics Proficiency		
Select one of the following:		
MATH 105	INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA	5
MATH 180	QUANTITATIVE REASONING	5
or any MATH course approved for Foothill GE Area V, Communication & Analytical Thinking		
A minimum of 90 units is required ¹ to include:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of one of the following general education patterns: Foothill General Education, CSU General Education Breadth Requirements or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) • Core courses (43 units) • Support courses (6 units) 		
¹ Additional elective course work may be necessary to meet the 90-unit minimum requirement for the associate degree.		
Note: All courses pertaining to the major must be taken for a letter grade. In addition, a grade of "C" or better is required for all core and support courses used for the degree or certificates. Coursework that applies to permits or licenses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.		
Core and Support Courses		
Code	Title	Units
Core Courses		
CHLD 1	CHILD GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT: PRENATAL THROUGH EARLY CHILDHOOD	4
CHLD 2	CHILD GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT II: MIDDLE CHILDHOOD THROUGH ADOLESCENCE	4
CHLD 8	CHILD, FAMILY & COMMUNITY	4
CHLD 51A	AFFIRMING DIVERSITY IN EDUCATION	4
CHLD 56	OBSERVATION & ASSESSMENT	4
CHLD 56N	PRINCIPLES & PRACTICES OF TEACHING YOUNG CHILDREN	4
CHLD 86A	MENTORING THE EARLY CARE & EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL	4
CHLD 86B	PRACTICUM STUDENT TEACHING IN AN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM	5
CHLD 88B	POSITIVE BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT	2
CHLD 89	CURRICULUM FOR EARLY CARE & EDUCATION PROGRAMS	4
CHLD 95	HEALTH, SAFETY & NUTRITION IN CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS	4
Support Courses		
Select at least six units from the following:		6

CHLD 50D	INFANT & TODDLER DEVELOPMENT & CARE
CHLD 53NC	SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS
CHLD 53NP	DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
CHLD 54A	DEVELOPING A HEALTHY ORGANIZATIONAL CLIMATE IN EDUCATION
CHLD 54B	THE RIGHT FIT: RECRUITING, SELECTING & ORIENTING STAFF
CHLD 54C	LEADERSHIP IN ACTION: HOW EFFECTIVE DIRECTORS GET THINGS DONE
CHLD 54D	FROM THE INSIDE OUT: THE POWER OF REFLECTION & SELF-AWARENESS
CHLD 59	WORKING WITH SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN
CHLD 63N	ARTISTIC & CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT
CHLD 71	PLANNING CREATIVE ART ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN
CHLD 72	LANGUAGE, LITERACY & THE DEVELOPING CHILD
CHLD 73	MUSIC & MOVEMENT IN THE EARLY YEARS
CHLD 74	SCIENCE & NATURE
CHLD 80A	COMMUNICATION & SELF-REFLECTION PRACTICES FOR NANNIES
CHLD 80B	CURRICULUM IN THE HOME
CHLD 80C	SAFETY & NUTRITION OF YOUNG CHILDREN IN THE HOME
CHLD 82	PLANNING CREATIVE DRAMATICS
CHLD 90B	ADMINISTRATION & SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS PART I
CHLD 90C	ADMINISTRATION & SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS PART II
CHLD 91	ADMINISTRATION & SUPERVISION: ADULT SUPERVISION & LEADERSHIP
ANTH 2A	CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY
or ANTH 2AHONORS CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY	
ENGL 8	CHILDREN'S LITERATURE
PSYC 14	CHILD & ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT
SOC 40	ASPECTS OF MARRIAGE & FAMILY

Total Units**49**

Certificate Requirements

Certificate of Achievement in Child Development Teacher

• Units: 73

This certificate prepares future early childhood educators to work with diverse children in early childhood settings. The program includes academic instruction, job skills training, and field experiences. Students develop skills in integrating developmentally appropriate practices in teaching young children and acquire abilities in building relationships with children and their families.

This certificate fulfills course requirements to qualify as a teacher in an early childhood development program licensed by the Department of Social Services. It also meets the course requirements for the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing **Child Development Teacher Permit** and **Child Development Associate Teacher Permit**.

This certificate is awarded upon completion of the core and support courses **and 24 units** of general education courses (**at least one** course from **each** of the following categories):

1. Humanities and/or Fine Arts
2. Social Sciences
3. English/Language Arts
4. Mathematics or Science

Certificate of Achievement in Program Supervision and Mentoring

• Units: 85

This certificate prepares future early childhood educators to direct and supervise an early childhood development program; provide care, education and instruction of children in an early childhood development program; and serve as coordinator of curriculum, instruction and staff development.

This certificate fulfills course requirements to qualify as a director in an early childhood development program licensed by the Department of Social Services. It also meets the course requirements for the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing **Site Supervisor Permit**.

This certificate is awarded upon the completion of the **Certificate of Achievement in Child Development Teacher (73 units)** and the following:

Code	Title	Units
CHLD 90B	ADMINISTRATION & SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS PART I	4
CHLD 90C	ADMINISTRATION & SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS PART II	4
CHLD 91	ADMINISTRATION & SUPERVISION: ADULT SUPERVISION & LEADERSHIP	4
or CHLD 86A	MENTORING THE EARLY CARE & EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL	

Certificate of Achievement in Early Childhood Education Fundamentals

• Units: 18

This certificate meets the requirements for the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing **Child Development Associate Teacher Permit**. There are no English or mathematics proficiency requirements for this certificate.

Code	Title	Units
CHLD 1	CHILD GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT: PRENATAL THROUGH EARLY CHILDHOOD	4
CHLD 8	CHILD, FAMILY & COMMUNITY	4
CHLD 56N	PRINCIPLES & PRACTICES OF TEACHING YOUNG CHILDREN	4
CHLD 88B	POSITIVE BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT	2
CHLD 89	CURRICULUM FOR EARLY CARE & EDUCATION PROGRAMS	4

Total Units**18**

Certificate of Achievement in Elementary After Care Education

• Units: 21

There are no English or mathematics proficiency requirements for this certificate.

Code	Title	Units
CHLD 2	CHILD GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT II: MIDDLE CHILDHOOD THROUGH ADOLESCENCE	4
CHLD 8	CHILD, FAMILY & COMMUNITY	4
CHLD 53NC	SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS	3
CHLD 56N	PRINCIPLES & PRACTICES OF TEACHING YOUNG CHILDREN	4
CHLD 59	WORKING WITH SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN	4
CHLD 88B	POSITIVE BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT	2
Total Units		21

Certificate of Achievement in Early Childhood Special Education

• Units: 20

This certificate meets the requirements for the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing **Child Development Associate Teacher Permit**. There are no English or mathematics proficiency requirements for this certificate.

Code	Title	Units
CHLD 1	CHILD GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT: PRENATAL THROUGH EARLY CHILDHOOD	4
CHLD 8	CHILD, FAMILY & COMMUNITY	4
CHLD 53NC	SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS	3
CHLD 53NP	DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS	3
CHLD 56N	PRINCIPLES & PRACTICES OF TEACHING YOUNG CHILDREN	4
CHLD 88B	POSITIVE BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT	2
Total Units		20