

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT-TEACHER

This certificate prepares students for entry-level employment in the field of early childhood education programs. Students completing this certificate will acquire academic knowledge based on child development theory and best practices in early care and education. Students gain skills and lab experience that orient them into the field of early childhood care and education providing the opportunity to develop skills and abilities to be successful in the workforce. It will also provide the education required to obtain a California Child Development permit at a teacher level, if the general education component is met.

Program Outcomes

- Identify and analyze the major theories and/or principles of child development.
- Complete lab experience needed for employment in a licensed child care facility at an approved site.
- Explain the requirements for CA Title 22 Licensing Regulations regarding health, safety, nutrition and mandated reporting law.

Career Opportunities

Upon successful completion of this certificate, students will be prepared for further education and/or employment in the following jobs: teacher, master teacher, site supervisor or program director in licensed child care or early childhood programs (i.e., infant/toddler, preschool, school age, full inclusion); early intervention assistant, instructional assistant for children with special needs, Child Development Specialist for Resource and Referral Program, Para Educator (Title I Schools), Family Support Services Worker (Home Base).

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Units
REQUIRED CERTIFICATE COURSES		
CHLD 039	Child Growth and Development	3
CHLD 042	Child, Family, and Community	3
CHLD 126	Observation and Assessment	3
CHLD 140	Principles and Practices of Teaching Young Children	3
CHLD 141	Practicum In Early Childhood Education	3
CHLD 148	Health, Safety, and Nutrition	3
CHLD 149	Introduction to Curriculum	3
CHLD 158	Teaching in a Diverse Society	3
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TOTAL		24

The Certificate of Achievement requirements include completion of the certificate courses with a "C" or better grade in each course. Required and support courses may be substituted with the approval of the Consumer Family Studies Division Chair.