

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

This certificate prepares students for entry-level employment in the field of child development. Students completing this certificate will acquire entry-level employment skills in the area of special education. Students will acquire hands on experience working with children with disabilities and their families.

Program Outcomes

- Design and implement curriculum strategies based on children's individualized needs.
- Explain various strategies that support collaborative practices in promoting the optimal development of children within the context of their family and community.
- Identify the benefits of using a strength based approach in working with children with special needs and their families.

Career Opportunities

Upon successful completion of this certificate, students will be prepared for employment in the following fields: special education assistant, early intervention assistant, intervention paraprofessional, speech therapy aide, instructional assistant, behavior intervention, etc.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Units
REQUIRED CERTIFICATE COURSES		
CHLD 039	Child Development-DS 1	3
CHLD 042	Child, Family & Society-DS2	3
CHLD 140	Principles of Early Childhood Education - DS3	3
CHLD 146	Curriculum and Strategies for Children with Special Needs	3
CHLD 148	Child Health, Safety, Nutrition - DS7	3
CHLD 154	Introduction to Children with Special Needs	3
WEXP 193S	Special Education Work Experience – First Semester	1-4
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TOTAL		19

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.