

Child Development

Award Type	Units
Certificate of Achievement:	
Child Development: Associate Teacher	17
Child Development: Master Teacher	28–31
Child Development: Teacher	26–27
Associate of Science Degree:	
Early Care and Education	30–33*

* and courses to meet graduation requirements, general education and electives as needed to meet the minimum of 60 units required for the degree.

Description

Child Development offers programs for career and transfer students. Certificates of Performance, Certificates of Achievement and Associate Degree programs are available to students interested in a range of child development opportunities and in meeting the requirements for the State of California Child Development Permits and the California State Department of Social Services, Title 22, Community Care Licensing.

The Child Development program offers course work, training and supervised practicum experiences to meet state licensing requirements for working in centers, schools, child care homes and service related agencies. The skills and knowledge gained in beginning courses provide the framework and foundation for more specialized courses.

Program Learning Outcomes

Students who complete the program will be able to:

- Interpret the processes of child growth and development.
- Examine practices that respect and support inclusion.
- Plan and demonstrate curriculum based on developmentally appropriate practices.
- Model ethical practices with children, families, colleagues and communities as stated in the NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct.

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Certificate of Achievement: Child Development: Associate Teacher

The Certificate of Achievement in Child Development: Associate Teacher prepares students to provide developmentally appropriate curriculum and environments in early care and education programs and to supervise Assistant Teachers.

Students are introduced to early education philosophies and strategies that support their understanding and application of developmentally appropriate practices for working with young children and their families in a diverse society. Emphasis is placed on the understanding of growth and development, social emotional needs, positive guidance techniques, intentional design of curriculum, and healthy and safe environments. Hands on practical experiences in the campus child development center provides opportunities for students to apply their learning with the support and supervision of child development faculty and staff.

The Certificate of Achievement in Child Development: Associate Teacher partially fulfills the State of California matrix requirements for the Associate Teacher permit. For more information on permit requirements and application, visit www.childdevelopment.org.

Goals

Students who successfully complete the Associate Teacher Certificate of Achievement will:

- Create and implement developmentally appropriate curriculum;
- Provide safe and healthy environments and positive guidance;
- Facilitate conflict resolution skills among children;
- Identify community resources to support healthy families in a diverse society;
- Identify and apply theories of child growth and development in a practicum setting.

Career Options

Students who successfully complete the Child Development: Associate Teacher Certificate of Achievement will meet the educational requirements for the State of California Child Development Associate Teacher Permit, which authorizes them to teach and supervise Assistant

Teachers in private preschools and state and federally funded programs. Students will be prepared for employment as child care workers, teacher assistants, preschool teachers, and education administrators.

Courses Required for the Major:		Units
CHIL 100	Principles and Practices of Early Childhood Education	3
CHIL 101	Human Growth and Development	3
CHIL 141	The Child, Family and Community	3
CHIL 180	Nutrition, Health and Safety for Children	3

Complete three (3) units from the following:

CHIL 133	Curriculum: Language, Literacy, and Art	3
CHIL 135	Curriculum: Science, Math, and Music and Movement	3

Complete a minimum of two (2) units from the following:

CHIL 160	Observation and Assessment of Children	2
CHIL 270	Work Experience	1–4
CHIL 291A	Child Development Center Practicum	1
CHIL 291B	Child Development Center Practicum	1
CHIL 291C	Child Development Center Practicum	1
CHIL 291D	Child Development Center Practicum	1

Total Units = 17

Certificate of Achievement Child Development: Master Teacher

The Certificate of Achievement in Child Development: Master Teacher prepares students to provide service in the care, development, and instruction of children in a child care and development program, and to supervise Teachers, Associate Teachers, and Assistant. Students who complete the Certificate of Achievement in Child Development: Master Teacher will be prepared to serve as a coordinator of curriculum and staff development in a child care and development program.

Students are introduced to early education philosophies and strategies that support their understanding and application of developmentally appropriate practices for working with young children and their families in a diverse society. Emphasis is placed on the understanding of growth and development, social emotional needs, positive guidance techniques, and intentional design of curriculum experiences and healthy and safe

environments. Hands on practical experiences in the campus child development center provides opportunities for students to apply their learning with the support and supervision of child development faculty and staff.

The Certificate of Achievement in Child Development: Master Teacher partially fulfills the State of California matrix requirements for the Master Teacher permit. For more information on permit requirements and application, visit www.childdevelopment.org.

Career Options

Students who successfully complete the Child Development: Master Teacher Certificate of Achievement will meet the educational requirements for the State of California Child Development Associate Teacher permit, which authorizes them to teach and supervise Teachers, Associate Teachers, and Assistants in private preschools and state and federally funded programs. Students will be prepared for employment as child care workers, teacher assistants, preschool teachers, and education administrators.

Courses Required for the Major:		Units
CHIL 100	Principles and Practices of Early Childhood Education	3
CHIL 101	Human Growth and Development	3
CHIL 133	Curriculum: Language, Literacy, and Art	3
CHIL 135	Curriculum: Science, Math, and Music and Movement	3
CHIL 141	The Child, Family and Community	3
CHIL 180	Nutrition, Health and Safety for Children	3
CHIL 215	Adult Supervision and Mentoring in Early Childhood Settings	3
CHIL 275	Supervised Field Study	1–3

Select six to seven (6–7) units from one of the following specializations:

Family life

CHIL 160	Observation and Assessment of Children	2
CHIL 161	Observations and Issues in Child Development	2
CHIL 188	Violence in the Lives of Children and Families	3

Universal design for education

CHIL 160	Observation and Assessment of Children	2
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CHIL 166	Curriculum for Diverse Learners	3
CHIL 280	Environmental Rating Scale	1

Infant/toddler

CHIL 175	Infant-Toddler Growth and Development	3
CHIL 176	Principles of Infant-Toddler Caregiving	3

School age

EDUC 200	Teaching as a Profession	2
and		
EDUC 203	Field Experience for Prospective Teachers	1
MUSI 110	Music for Elementary School Teachers	3
MATH 210A	Concepts of Elementary School Mathematics I	3
MATH 210B	Concepts of Elementary School Mathematics II	3
MATH 212	Children's Mathematical Thinking	1
EXSC 240	Physical Education in the Elementary Schools	3

Total Units = 28-31

**Certificate of Achievement:
Child Development: Teacher**

The Child Development: Teacher Certificate of Achievement prepares students to plan and implement developmentally appropriate curriculum for early childhood education programs and to supervise Assistant and Associate Teachers in the classroom.

Career Options

Students who successfully complete the Child Development: Teacher Certificate of Achievement and the required general education and teaching experience meet the educational requirements for the State of California Child Development Teacher Permit, which authorizes them to teach and supervise Assistant and Associate Teachers in private preschools and state and federally funded programs.

Courses Required for the Major:		Units
CHIL 100	Principles and Practices of Early Childhood Education	3
CHIL 101	Human Growth and Development	3
CHIL 133	Curriculum: Language, Literacy, and Art	3
CHIL 135	Curriculum: Science, Math, and Music and Movement	3
CHIL 141	The Child, Family and Community	3
CHIL 166	Curriculum for Diverse Learners	3

CHIL 175	Infant-Toddler Growth and Development	3
CHIL 180	Nutrition, Health and Safety for Children	3

Select one (1) course from the following:

CHIL 160	Observation and Assessment of Children	2
CHIL 161	Observations and Issues in Child Development	2
CHIL 162	Positive Child Guidance	3

Total Units = 26-27

**Associate of Science Degree:
Early Care and Education**

The Early Care and Education program includes course work, training, and supervised practicum experiences to meet state licensing requirements for working in centers, schools, child care homes, and service related agencies. Emphasis is placed on current best practices and tools utilized in the field, inquiry, and reflective practice. The skills and knowledge gained in beginning courses provide the framework and foundation for more specialized courses.

The Associate of Science degree in Early Care and Education prepares students for a range of opportunities in the child development and education fields. Course work, training, and supervised practicum experiences provide the foundational knowledge and skills necessary to be successful in the workforce and assist students in expediting the process of meeting requirements for the State of California Child Development Permits and California State Department of Social Services, Title 22, Community Care Licensing.

Career Options

Some careers in Early Care and Education require education beyond the associate degree and some require a graduate degree. This is not a comprehensive list but some of the most common career options with a degree in Early Care and Education include: teacher, master teacher, director, and site supervisory positions.

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CHIL 101	Human Growth and Development	3
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CHIL 135	Curriculum: Science, Math, and Music and Movement	3
CHIL 141	The Child, Family and Community	3
CHIL 160	Observation and Assessment of Children	2
CHIL 166	Curriculum for Diverse Learners	3
CHIL 180	Nutrition, Health and Safety for Children	3
CHIL 151	Program Planning	3
CHIL 275	Supervised Field Study	1-3
or		
CHIL 270	Work Experience	1-4

Select three (3) units from the following:

CHIL 161	Observations and Issues in Child Development	2
CHIL 291A	Child Development Center Practicum	1
CHIL 291B	Child Development Center Practicum	1
CHIL 291C	Child Development Center Practicum	1
CHIL 291D	Child Development Center Practicum	1

Total Units = 30-33

Transfer Information

Common university majors related to the field of Child Development include: Child Development, Family and Consumer Studies and Sciences, Gerontology, Human Development, and Liberal Studies.

Course Requirements for Transfer Students

Students who plan to transfer to a four year college or university and earn a bachelor's degree in this discipline should consult with a counselor or visit the Transfer/Career Center to determine the appropriate major preparation courses for their specific transfer institution and major. Transfer students may also earn an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences with an emphasis. This degree may be individually tailored to each student's specific transfer requirements in order to provide the most efficient path to transfer. More information on transfer programs and procedures is available in the Transfer Programs section of the catalog.

Communication Studies

Award Type **Units**

Certificate of Performance:

Communication Studies	9
Communication Studies: Business	9
Communication Studies: Health Communication	9
Communication Studies: Voice and Performance	9

Associate of Arts Degree:

Communication Studies	18*
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* and courses to meet graduation requirements, general education and electives as needed to meet the minimum of 60 units required for the degree.

Description

The Communication Studies programs provide students the opportunity to gain effective communication skills which are essential and highly demanded in educational, professional and social settings. Through critical thinking, observation, and performance, students recognize the importance of messages in an interconnected multicultural community. The Associate of Arts or Certificate of Performance in Communication Studies offer students enhancement of self-development and foundational tools for relational success.

Program Emphasis

The Communication Studies program emphasizes proficiency in public speaking, interpersonal communication, intercultural communication, voice and articulation, small group communication, and argumentation.

Career Options

The career opportunities related to Communication Studies are vast and usually require associate or advanced degrees. Some communication career fields include: advertising and public relations, community service, counseling, education, human resources, journalism, management, marketing, performing arts, politics, and radio/television/film.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Communication Studies program the student should be able to:

- Evaluate the speaker's backgrounds, motives and attitudes.