

# CHILD DEVELOPMENT

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Child Development A.S. degree prepares students to be competent, effective teachers and caregivers in settings for young children. Included are courses on child growth and development, child/family systems, current practices in brain research and its application to classroom teaching, working with children with special needs, and the importance of play in learning and curriculum development. Additionally, the Math/Science and Creative Arts courses offer “hands on” knowledge and skills in curriculum/lesson plan implementation, and a student teaching practicum connects discipline theory to practical application. This program’s component courses satisfy for the State Commission on Teacher Credentialing for the Child Development Associate Teacher and Teacher permits required for employment in both the private and public sector in California. This degree is primarily targeted to students who will meet their educational and career goals with an associate degree. Students planning to transfer to the California State University (CSU) system in pursuit of a bachelor’s degree and advised to follow the Early Childhood Education Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) degree program.

## CAREER AT A GLANCE:

### HOW DO I KNOW IF THIS MAJOR IS FOR ME?

- You enjoy working in a non-competitive environment
- You enjoy teaching and providing service to others
- You are comfortable working with children
- You like to observe students’ performance, and record relevant data to assess progress
- You like to use your creativity to develop lessons, learning tools, and activities
- You enjoy working with students who may have special needs and helping adapt lessons to their learning style
- You have good physical health and stamina
- You are patient and enthusiastic
- You like collaborating with others on projects and tasks

*Use Focus2Career on your MyChaffey portal to learn more about careers and majors that fit you best.*

### WHERE CAN I WORK?

Adoption Agencies	Child Care Services
Community Centers	Schools
Health Clubs	Healthcare Facilities
Individual and Family Services	Libraries
City/County Offices	Preschools
Recreation Programs	Religious Organizations

*For more information visit: [www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/OccGuides](http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/OccGuides)*

### HOW DO I GET STARTED?

- Start taking courses in child development and curriculum
- Volunteer to assist in preschool classrooms or child care programs
- Job shadow and network with teaching professionals
- Volunteer in places you would like to obtain employment
- Become familiar with the various Child Development permits:  
<https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/req-child-dev>

### WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS ASSOCIATE DEGREE?

<i>Position Title</i>	<i>CA Median Salary</i>
Day Care Center Teacher	\$25,570
Preschool Teacher	\$33,670
Self-Enrichment Education Teacher	\$33,670
Recreation Worker	\$27,290

### WHAT CAN I DO WITH HIGHER EDUCATION AND ADDITIONAL TRAINING?

<i>Position Title</i>	<i>CA Median Salary</i>
Child Center Administrator	\$49,720
Preschool Director	\$49,720
Childcare Center Director	\$49,720
Recreation Coordinator	\$111,390
School Counselors	\$62,790
Child Life Specialist	\$45,920

*For more information about careers, education and training requirements, salary data, and job outlooks visit*

[www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org)

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**MAJOR AND COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

**LEGEND:** G=Grade    IP=In Progress    N=Need    **Bold: Prerequisites**    Plain Text: No Prerequisites

<i>Major Requirements for the Associate in Science Degree: (S090)</i>		<b>Grade</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>Need</b>	<b>Units</b>
CDE 2	Child Growth and Development				3
CDE 4	Child, Family and Community				3
<b>CDE 7</b>	<b>Curriculum Development: The Creative Arts</b>				<b>3</b>
CDE 8	Curriculum Development: Math and Sciences				3
<b>CDE 23</b>	<b>Introduction to Children with Special Needs</b>				<b>3</b>
<b>CDE 24</b>	<b>Introduction to Curriculum Theory</b>				<b>2</b>
<b>CDE 24W</b>	<b>Practicum I: Supervised Occupational Work Experience</b>				<b>1</b>
CDE 415	Dynamics of Play				3
CDE 416	Brain Research and Implications for Classroom Teaching				3
CDE 430A	Infant and Toddler: Group Caregiving I				3

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>COUNSELOR NOTES:</b>

\$46 per unit for CA Residents
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