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.

The Education Paraprofessional Level I certificate introduces the educational field to students interested in careers in education and/or child development. The certificate is the first component of the “ladder” concept by which students may gain employment and/or continue their education.

HOW DO I KNOW 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

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS CERTIFICATE?
• Childcare Worker
• Teacher Aides/Assistants
• Nanny
• Instructional Aide
• Recreation Worker
• Camp Instructor

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS ASSOCIATE DEGREE?
• Day Care Center Teacher
• Preschool Teacher
• Self-Enrichment Education Teachers
• Individual and Family Services
• Preschools
• Elementary/Secondary Schools
• Health Clubs
• Libraries
• Recreation Programs
• Community Centers
• Healthcare Facilities
• City/County Offices
• Religious Organizations

WHERE CAN I WORK?
This pathway provides you with a choice of various work environments including:
• Adoption Agencies
• Child Care Services
• Community Centers
• Elementary/Secondary Schools
• Health Clubs
• Healthcare Facilities
• Individual and Family Services
• Preschools
• Recreational Programs
• Religious Organizations

WHAT IS THE POTENTIAL WAGE OUTLOOK?
This certificate may lead to a position as a Teacher Assistant, which according to the EDD/LMID Occupational Employment Statistics Survey, 2017 the median wage in California was $31,949 annually, or $15.36 per hour. For more information, visit www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/OccGuides. This associate degree may lead to a position as a Preschool Teacher, which according to the EDD/LMID Occupational Employment Statistics Survey, 2017 the median wage in California was $33,053 annually, or $15.89 per hour. For more information, visit www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/OccGuides.

The job and wage outlook will vary based on the position selected within this major. To review current salary information and job outlook for other occupational titles, visit www.onetonline.org.

WHAT CAN I DO IN THE FUTURE WITH MORE EDUCATION?
The positions below require at least a bachelor’s degree in Child Development or a similar degree and training. According to O*NetOnline, the median salary in 2017 for Preschool Administrators in California was $49,720 annually.
• Child Center Administrator
• Preschool and Childcare Center/Program Director
• Recreation Coordinator
• School Counselors
• Child Life Specialist

To follow a career pathway for Elementary (K-6) Teaching, students can complete the Elementary Teacher Education Associate Degree for Transfer.

For additional information about career pathways and to find out if this major is a good fit for you visit the Career Center located in MACC 203. Career information was collected from www.onetonline.org and www.bls.gov.
# MAJOR AND COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

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

### Major Requirements for the Associate in Science Degree: (S090)

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### Requirements for the Educational Paraprofessional Level I Certificate: (L013)

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**COUNSELOR NOTES:**

- $46 per unit for CA Residents

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In addition to completion of the MAJOR, there are other requirements for the degree, refer to the Chaffey College Graduation Requirement Sheet or see a counselor in the Counseling Center.