



Child Development – Emphasis in Preschool Age Care and Development Degree

Program code: sac.cdpc.aa

The Associate in Arts in Child Development – Emphasis in Preschool Care and Development provides students with knowledge about the comprehensive development of young children ages 3 to 5 years old. Students will focus on understanding developmentally appropriate practice, effective learning strategies, and how to create and implement a high quality classroom for young children. The practicum component of the program will support the students as they transfer their learning to their work with young children. The program is available for early childhood educators, parents, administrators, and health care professionals. In addition to the 36.5 units of Child Development coursework, students must also complete the general education requirements. This degree prepares students for transfer to a 4-year university to obtain a bachelor’s degree. Refer to the Graduation Requirements or the CSU-GE and IGETC patterns in this catalog for specific courses which meet the general education requirement. Contact Career Technical Education (CTE) counselors at SAC for additional assistance in planning your early childhood profession (714-564-6254).

Students who earn this degree should apply for the Early Childhood Teacher Certificate and the California Teacher’s Permit. In order to qualify for the degree, certificate and permit, a student must also have work experience with young children (175 days of 3 hours per day within 4 years). See Child Development faculty members for assistance.

Learning Outcome(s):

1. Students will demonstrate a knowledge base of early childhood and development of young children 3-5 years old.
2. Students will apply the knowledge base of theory to practice through thoughtful reflections on classroom observations.
3. Students will understand and be conversant about the main philosophical and sociological ideas and trends that have influenced education as well as be able to analyze their application and importance for teaching today.

Courses: Units Required (36.5)

Child Development 107, Child Growth and Development (DS1)	3
Child Development 108, Observation and Assessment for Early Learning and Development (DS3)	3
Child Development 110, Child, Family, and Community (DS2)	3
Child Development 111A, Principles and Practices of Teaching Young Children (DS3)	3
Child Development 111B, Introduction to Curriculum for Young Children (DS3)	3
Child Development 112, Health, Safety, and Nutrition for Children	3
Child Development 200, Introduction to Technology in Early Childhood Education	3
Child Development 205, Introduction to Children with Special Needs	3
Child Development 221, Living and Teaching in a Diverse Society	3
Child Development 231, Developing Language and Literacy in Young Children	3
Child Development 297, Analyzing and Applying Teacher Strategies in the Classroom	3
Child Development 298A, Practicum in Early Childhood Programs	3.5

Total 36.5