

CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE TEACHER

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Child Development, Associate Teacher: Certificate of Achievement (CA)

The Certificate of Achievement: Associate Teacher is an academic and vocational training program that prepares students for future work as early childhood educators in diverse early childhood settings. The certificate is designed to prepare students to enter the workforce prepared with skills necessary to effectively work in the field. Courses meet entry level requirements and/or meet the requirements needed to obtain a

California Child Development Permit. The program is designed to prepare students with coursework as required by California licensing policies. Course completion with practicum experience can lead to a California Child Development Permit and employment. Coursework may apply toward lower division preparation requirements for students interested in transferring to a four-year college or university. Please see a counselor for more information.

Program Learning Outcomes:

- Create and implement developmentally and culturally appropriate curriculum.
- Identify developmental milestones in the cognitive, emotional, social, and physical domains.
- Identify and explain the dominant theories and philosophies in early childhood education.

Career/Transfer Opportunities:

Completion of this certificate qualifies students to apply for the California Child Development Permit at the Associate Teacher level. Students completing the Certificate of Achievement in Associate Teaching can gain entry level positions as an assistant or associate teacher in private or publicly funded early childhood or afterschool programs. On-the-job training fulfills the requirement to attain a lead teaching position. Students planning to transfer to a four-year college or university and wishing to pursue careers in human development, child psychology, social work, and secondary education should see a counselor to develop an education plan for further requirements.

To earn this certificate, students must complete the minimum required courses with a grade of C (or P) or better.

Core Curriculum Courses Required:

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| CHD 001 | Child Growth and Development | 3.0 |
| CHD 002 | Child, Family, and Community | 3.0 |
| CHD 008A | Practicum A | 3.5 |
| CHD 010 | Principles and Practices in Education | 3.0 |
| CHD 015 | Observation and Assessment of Children | 3.0 |
| CHD 017 | Child Health, Safety, and Nutrition | 3.0 |
| CHD 026 | Introduction to Curriculum | 3.0 |

Total Units Required:

21.5

