

CHILD DEVELOPMENT/EARLY CHILDHOOD (CERT)

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

This is a carefully planned course of classes that will meet the requirements of the Department of Social Services and the Child Development Permit as well as when combined with the required general education classes will lead to an A.A. and AS-T. This offers even greater career options. Petitions for the Certificate of Achievement must be made through the Cerritos College office of Admissions and Records. The deadline for submitting petitions is listed in the Schedule of Classes each semester.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

- Students create highly engaging, stimulating, and safe learning environments which promote the healthy development of young children.
- Students examine children's individual differences and plan intentional learning experiences based on the unique developmental abilities and interests of the children in their care.
- Students explain early childhood and child development theories to inform their teaching principles and practices.
- Students observe, analyze and document children's learning and development.
- Students value positive relationships with others and demonstrate an inclusive approach in their interactions with children, families, colleagues, and staff.

Program Requirements

Code Number	Course Title	Units
Start with Core Classes		
CD 110	Child Development	3.0
CDEC 111	Principles and Practices in Early Childhood Education	3.0
CDEC 112	Introduction to Curriculum	3.0
CDEC 113	The Child, Family, and Community	3.0
Completion of any 2 allows you to be eligible for the Assistant level of the Permit.		
Completion of all 4 and work experience allows you to be eligible for the Associate Teacher level of the Permit		
Next complete these four classes:		
CD 124	Teaching in a Diverse Society	3.0
CD 139	Observation, Assessment, and Positive Guidance of Childhood Behavior	3.0
CDEC 161	Health, Safety, and Nutrition	3.0
CDEC 164	Practicum Field Experience ²	3.0
Total Units		24

Note: All four core classes must be completed before enrolling in CDEC 164. Completion of all 8 courses + 16 general education units + work experience allows you to be eligible for the Teacher level of the Permit

SPECIALITY OPTIONS*(6 additional units required for CD CORE PLUS Certificate and A.A. Degree)

- Specialties also meet the "6 specialization units" required at the Master Teacher level of the Permit
- Courses for specialties also meet general education required "elective" units. Meet with a counselor for accepted "elective" units.

Code Number	Course Title	Units
Specialty Options		
Infant/Toddler Specialization		
CDIT 151	Infant and Toddler Development (3)	
CDIT 152	Care and Education for Infants and Toddlers (3)	
OR Special Education Specialization		
CDSE 150	Introduction to Children with Special Needs (3)	
CDSE 152	Curriculum and Strategies for Children with Special Needs (3)	
OR ECE Curriculum Planning Specialization		
Select two of the following:		6.0
CDEC 62	Exploring Creative Art Expression by Children (3)	
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CDEC 65	Music and Movement for Children (3)	
CDEC 133	Early Childhood Experiences in Mathematics and Science (3)	