

# CHILD DEVELOPMENT/ PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR (A.A.)

## ASSOCIATE OF ART

This option requires the Certificate of Achievement - Child Development/Preschool Director (which includes 3 classes on administration and supervision) + a 6-unit Specialty Option and the required general education courses at Cerritos College. Course work for this degree will fulfill Department of Social Services licensing requirements to be a director/administrator of an Early Childhood Program. This degree also meets the educational requirements for the Child Development Permit at the Site Supervisor level granted by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

## 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		
<b>Child Development/Early Childhood Certificate of Achievement</b>		
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
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	3.0
<i>Subtotal</i>		24
<b>Add one of the 6-unit Optional Specialties (your choice)</b>		<b>6.0</b>
<b>Infant/Toddler Specialization</b>		
CDIT 151	Infant and Toddler Development (3)	
CDIT 152	Care and Education for Infants and Toddlers (3)	
<b>OR Special Education Specialization</b>		
CDSE 150	Introduction to Children with Special Needs (3)	

CDSE 152	Curriculum and Strategies for Children with Special Needs (3)	
<b>OR ECE Curriculum Planning Specialization</b>		
(Choose 2 out of the 4 below)		
CDEC 62	Exploring Creative Art Expression by Children (3)	
CDEC 63	Early Childhood Experiences in Language Arts and Social Sciences (3)	
CDEC 65	Music and Movement for Children (3)	
CDEC 133	Early Childhood Experiences in Mathematics and Science (3)	
<b>6 Unit Specialty Option 6 Next complete these three classes</b>		
CDEC 166	Administration I: Programs in Early Childhood Education (3)	3.0
CDEC 167	Administration II: Personnel and Leadership in Early Childhood Education (3)	3.0
CDEC 230	Adult Supervision and Mentoring in Early Care and Education (3)	3.0
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>39</b>

## ASSOCIATE OF ART DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

A.A. Degree – Child Development\* – This option requires one of the Certificates of Achievement (Child Development/Early Childhood + 6-unit Specialty Option OR Child Development/Preschool Director + 6-unit Specialty Option) and the required general education courses at Cerritos College. Some courses may be transferable; see college catalog and counselor for more information. 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