

Los Medanos College
CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION September 2022

The Child Development Department prepares you for careers with children, such as early childhood educator, Head Start teacher, family child care provider, center director/site supervisor and elementary school teacher. Courses in our department also ready you for transfer to four-year universities in majors such as human development, child development, liberal studies towards a teaching credential, and early childhood education. Parents and future parents will also benefit from the coursework as it prepares all adults to work successfully with children. We also offer specialization coursework as it prepares you to work with infants and toddlers, children with special needs and children who experience trauma. In addition to coursework that meets the requirement to become a center director/site supervisor. The curriculum is a combination of classroom teaching, laboratory practicum experiences and community site visits based on a philosophy of active learning. Many courses are also available in an online format and many are zero textbook cost.

For the Certificate of Achievement in Early Childhood Education complete the coursework listed below.

For degree, certificate, waiver assistance and educational planning, contact the Department Education Advisor at jtownsend@losmedanos.edu

REQUIRED COURSES: FIRST SEMESTER

CHDEV-001 Principles and Practices of Teaching Young Children 3
CHDEV-010 Child Growth and Development 3

REQUIRED COURSES: SECOND SEMESTER UNITS

CHDEV-020 Child, Family & Community 3
CHDEV-062 Introduction to Curriculum 3
CHDEV-083 Field Experience in an Early Childhood Program* 3 units

REQUIRED COURSES: THIRD SEMESTER UNITS

CHDEV-050 Teaching in a Diverse Society 3
CHDEV-011 Observation & Assessment 3

REQUIRED COURSES: FOURTH SEMESTER UNITS

CHDEV-065 Health, Safety and Nutrition in Early Childhood Programs 3
CHDEV-090 Student Teaching Practicum in Early Childhood Education 4

TOTAL UNITS FOR THIS CERTIFICATE 25

*if you are not currently working or volunteering in a license early childhood program

Child Development Electives

THESE COURSES MAY BE TAKEN TO FULFILL SPECIALIZATION OR TO MEET PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS:

CHDEV-022 Relationship-Based Discipline Strategies For Children 2
CHDEV-030 Trauma Informed Practitioner: Foundations, 3
CHDEV-031 Trauma Informed Practitioner: Practices and Strategies 3
CHDEV-034 Creative Art and Movement for Young Children 3
CHDEV-035 Science and Math for Young Children 3
CHDEV-040 Infant and Toddler Development 3
CHDEV-041 Developmentally Appropriate Practices For Infants and Toddlers 3
CHDEV-055 Introduction to Children with Special Needs 3
CHDEV-057 Curriculum and Strategies for Children with Special Needs 3
CHDEV-092 Adult Supervision/Mentor Teacher Training 2
CHDEV-095 Administration of Early Childhood Programs 3
CHDEV-096 Supervision and Leadership in Early Childhood Programs 3

Program Student Learning Outcomes

1. Obtain, maintain, and advance in permit licensure and/or prepare for upper division transfer through appropriate academic preparation.
2. Apply critical thinking and effective communication to research, observe, assess, evaluate, analyze, and synthesize early learning and child development information.
3. Select, develop, and/or use educational equipment, curriculum, assessments, materials, technology, and environments that are culturally, linguistically, and developmentally relevant and appropriate.