Program Requirements

Los Medanos College

Certificate of Achievement – Early Childhood Education

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 4 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 school age children 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.

For the Certificate of Achievement in Child Development, complete the coursework listed below.

For degree, certificate, waiver assistance and educational planning, contact the Department Education Advisor at ext. 3183.

Courses required for the major, with suggested 2-year sequence:

**REQUIRED COURSES: FIRST SEMESTER UNITS**

**CHDEV-001** Introduction to the Study of Early

Childhood Education **3**

**CHDEV-010** Child Growth and Development **3**

**REQUIRED COURSES: SECOND SEMESTER UNITS**

**CHDEV-020** Child, Family & Community **3**

**CHDEV-062** Curriculum Foundations for the Young Child **3**

**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 for the Young Child **3**

**CHDEV-090** Supervised Teaching in Local Child Development Programs **4**

TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED : 25