

CHILD DEVELOPMENT LEAD TEACHER, ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE

Banner Code: 1_AS_CDLT

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Financial Aid Eligible

This degree provides students with knowledge, competencies and practical experiences that promotes comprehensive development of young children ages 3 to 5 years old. Students will focus on understanding developmentally appropriate practice, effective learning strategies, and how to create and implement a high-quality classroom for young children. The practicum component of the program will support the student as they transfer theoretical knowledge of learning to work with young children in early care and education programs. The program is available for early childhood educators, parents, administrators, and health care professionals. A grade of "C" or higher is required in all courses. This degree includes 34 units of emphasis. This degree aligns with the 24 units required for a Master Teacher level Child Development Permit, issued by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. This degree option would also benefit students who aspire to enter the workforce in a career pathway. The degree meets Title 22 licensing requirements for employment in early care and education programs.

Program Outcome

Meets the child development course requirements of the Child Development Permit at the Master Teacher level and provides enhanced employability, the holder can be employed as a Lead Teacher or as a supervising team member. It meets the needs of transitional kindergarten teachers who are required to have 24 units of child development or early childhood education in addition to their bachelor's degree and multiple subjects teaching credential.

Review Graduation Requirements (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/graduation-requirements/associate-degree/>) and General Education (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/general-education-patterns/>).

Course	Title	Units
Required Courses		
CDE A126	Teaching in a Diverse Society	3
CDE A127	Health, Safety, and Nutrition	3
CDE A131	Creativity for Children	3
CDE A155	Principles and Practices of Teaching Young Children	3
CDE A156	Early Childhood Lab: Interactions with Young Children	2
CDE A157	Guidance for Young Children	3
CDE A165	Observing and Recording Child Behavior	3
CDE A180	Child, Growth and Development	3
CDE A190	Family, School and Community Partnerships	3
CDE A200	ECE Program - The Curriculum	3
CDE A201	Early Childhood Practicum - Field Experience	3

Course	Title	Units
CDE A277	Adult Supervision in Early Childhood Programs	2
<i>Restricted Electives</i>		
Complete a specialization certificate listed below:		9-12
Total Units		43-46

Specialization Certificates

Child Development Administration Specialization, Certificate of Achievement (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/pathways/teaching-education/child-development-education/child-development-lead-teacher-coa/#requirementstext>)

Child Development Curriculum Specialization, Certificate of Achievement (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/pathways/teaching-education/child-development-education/child-development-curriculum-specialization-coa/#requirementstext>)

Elementary Education Specialization, Certificate of Achievement (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/pathways/teaching-education/child-development-education/elementary-education-specialization-coa/#requirementstext>)

Infant and Toddler Specialization, Certificate of Achievement (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/pathways/teaching-education/child-development-education/infant-toddler-specialization-coa/#requirementstext>)

Working with Exceptional Children Specialization, Certificate of Achievement (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/pathways/teaching-education/child-development-education/working-with-exceptional-children-specialization-coa/#requirementstext>)

Requirement	Units
Program Major Units	43-46
AS General Education Option 1, 2, or 3	Varies
Transferable electives to satisfy unit requirement	Varies
Total Minimum Degree Units	60-61