**Child Development**

**What is Child Development?**

Child Development refers to the study of children's bodies, emotions, social skills, and intelligence to allow students to plan and design services and learning environments for young children. This major is designed for students who wish to study children and the major family, cultural, peer, school, and neighborhood contexts in which they live. Courses cover parent child relations, methods of parenting, influences on child development, and public policy issues. Students are provided with a strong background in the social and behavioral sciences related to child development and focus on the scientific study of children and how they develop.

**LAMC Degrees & Certificates Offered:**

* **Associates of Arts for Transfer (AA-T)** Early Childhood Education
* **Associates of Arts in Child Development**
* **Associates of Arts in Child Development:** Dual Language Learning
* **Associates of Arts in Child Development:** Family Child Care
* **Associates of Arts in Child Development:** Infant and toddler
* **Associates of Arts in Child Development:** Preschool
* **Associates of Arts in Child Development:** School-Age Care
* **Associates of Arts in Child Development:** Special Needs
* **Certificate of Achievement in Child Development**
* **Certificate of Achievement in Child Development:** Administration
* **Certificate of Achievement in Child Development:** Core
* **Certificate of Achievement in Child Development:** Preschool
* **Certificate of Achievement in Child Development:** Dual Language Learning
* **Certificate of Achievement in Child Development:** Infant and Toddler
* **Certificate of Achievement in Child Development:** School-Age Care
* **Certificate of Achievement in Child Development:** Family Child Care
* **Certificate of Achievement in Child Development:** Special Needs
* **Certificate of Accomplishment in Child Development Administration:** Family Child Care

**Areas of Interest**

* Assisting and caring for others
* Teaching others
* Coordinating activities for others
* Coaching and developing others
* Working closely with others
* Thinking creatively
* Tutoring

**Skills**

* Active listening
* Teamwork
* Attention to detail
* Instructing
* Monitoring
* Learning strategies
* Reading comprehension
* Judgement and decision making

**Transfer Related Majors**

* **Fresno State**: Child and Family Science
* **San Jose State**: Child and Adolescent Development
* **San Diego State**: Child Development
* **CSU Los Angeles**: Child Development
* **CSU Fullerton**: Child and Adolescent Studies
* **CSU Long Beach**: Child Development and Family Services
* **CSU Northridge**: Child and Adolescent Development

**Potential Job Titles**

* Preschool teacher
* Childcare worker
* Social and human service assistant
* Child, family, and school
* Personal Care Aides
* Training and development specialist
* School psychologist
* Special education teacher
* Teacher assistant

**Potential Employers**

* Child and family services
* Preschools
* Government agencies
* Social organizations
* Youth service agencies
* Family daycare
* Head Start programs
* Department of Education
* Public/private schools

**Work Environment**

* Some Child Care Workers provide care in private homes; and some work as "baby sitters"
* Work is done with close supervision
* Child care centers may operate both part-time and 5 days a week, 9 to 10 hours per day.
* Most work indoors, supervising 30 or more preschool children

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