

Child Development

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The West Hills College Lemoore Child Development Program offers a comprehensive background in the field of child growth and development. Program emphasis includes information directed at working with culturally diverse families, addressing the needs of children at risk through early intervention and creating and teaching developmentally appropriate curriculum to young children. Students will be offered information and skills for potential employment in Federal, State, non-profit, or privately owned early childhood educational/child care programs. Courses in this program may assist the student to qualify for Child Development Certificates issued by West Hills College and/or a Child Development Permit obtained from the State of California, Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, students will be able to:

- comprehensive knowledge and will be able to identify, analyze and/or evaluate typical and atypical growth and development of young children.
- comprehensive knowledge of nutrition, health and safety issues and prevention strategies pertaining to young children.
- the ability to plan, create, implement and/or evaluate age-appropriate curriculum, while developing the ability to produce written observations and/or assessments.
- the ability to identify and work with diverse families and recognize socialization issues pertaining to children.
- knowledge of and have the ability to identify effective methods of working with diverse people.

Associate Degree Requirements:

- Complete a minimum of 18 semester units in a major or area of emphasis
- Complete Local General Education and District requirements
- Complete elective units for total of 60 degree applicable semester units
- Complete all required courses for the major or area of emphasis, English, and math with a “C” or better
- Obtain an overall minimum grade point average of 2.0

Course #	Title	Units
Required Core Courses		
CD-002.....	Teaching in a Diverse Society.....	
CD-003.....	Observation and Assessment.....	
CD-005.....	Child Development*.....	3
CD-010.....	Child, Family and Society*.....	
CD-012A.....	Principles and Practices of Early Childhood Education*.....	
CD-012B.....	Principles and Practices of Early Childhood Education Field Work.....	
CD-016.....	Introduction to Curriculum.....	
CD-018.....	Health, Safety and Nutrition.....	
Electives.....	CD 004, 007, 008, 009, 011, 015, 017A, 017B, 017C, 020, 021, 022, or 023.....	6
Total		30

**As marked, these California state mandated core classes are required in order to teach in California and for the Child Development Permit.*

For Gainful Employment information please visit:

<https://www.westhillscollege.com/lemoore/degrees-and-certificates/gainful-employment/child-development-teacher-level-cert.php>

*This is a **recommended sequence** of courses for timely completion of this degree program. Entry in to transfer level English and math required to follow this recommended sequence. Please see your counselor to formalize your personalized educational plan or for alternative planning.*

AA Degree Track:

SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2	SEMESTER 3	SEMESTER 4
CD-005.....	CD-018.....	CD-002.....	CD-003.....
CD-010.....	CD-ELECTIVE..... 3	CD-012A.....	CD-004.....
ENG-001A.....	AREA-B..... 3	CD-016.....	CD-012B.....
MATH-45.....	AREA-C..... 3	ELECTIVE-001-049..... 6	ELECTIVE-001-049..... 6
ELECTIVE-001-049..... 3	ELECTIVE-001-049..... 3	15	15
15-17	15		

Child Development Certificate of Achievement

Certificate of Achievement Track:

SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2
CD-002.....	CD-003.....
CD-005.....	CD-012B.....
CD-010.....	CD-018.....
CD-012A.....	CD-ELECTIVES..... 6
CD-016.....	15
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