



CHILD DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Requirements for Certificates and Degrees

PRESCHOOL TEACHER

Certificate of Achievement or A.A. Degree

This program includes a selection of courses that provides academic preparation to individuals for a career as a preschool teacher in an early childhood setting. The program will give students general knowledge and skills in theory, principles, and techniques for working with young children.

The 42 units listed in this section enable students to complete a Preschool Teacher Certificate.

Students also have the option to earn an Associate in Arts Degree in Child Development by completing 42 units for this Certificate and the General Education courses required by the college.

Please see the current Palomar College catalog for further information regarding the Child Development Program and specific course descriptions.

Certificate Requirements

COURSE	TITLE	UNITS	PLAN TO TAKE	SEMESTER COMPLETED
CHDV 100 *	Child Growth and Development	3		
CHDV 101	Foundations of Child Development	3		
CHDV 104	Guidance for Young Children	3		
CHDV 105 +	Observation, Assessment, and Participation <i>Prerequisite: CHDV 100</i> <i>(course is offered fall and spring only)</i>	4		
CHDV 110	Introduction to Special Education	3		
CHDV 115 *	Child, Family, and Community	3		
CHDV 120	Children's Health, Safety, and Nutrition	3		
CHDV 125	Art in Early Childhood	3		
CHDV 130	Math and Science in Early Childhood	3		
CHDV 135	Music and Movement in Early Childhood	3		

COURSE	TITLE	UNITS	PLAN TO TAKE	SEMESTER COMPLETED
CHDV 140	Children's Literature and Language Development	3		
CHDV 145	Children: Victims of Violence	3		
CHDV 152^	Environmental Rating Scale for Early Childhood Settings	1		
CHDV 200# +	Program and Supervised Experiences in Early Childhood (<i>course is offered spring only</i>)	4		
	TOTAL UNITS	42		

* Courses required by Community Care Licensing to work in a licensed child care center in the state of CA (please see <http://www.cclcd.ca.gov> for more information on Community Care Licensing)

^ CHDV 152 students must complete the Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale (ECERS-R).

Prerequisites for CHDV 200 for Preschool Teacher A.A. Degree or Certificate of Achievement: Completion of, or concurrent enrollment in CHDV 100, CHDV 101, CHDV 104, CHDV 105, CHDV 110, CHDV 115, CHDV 120, CHDV 125, CHDV 130, CHDV 135, CHDV 140, CHDV 145, and CHDV 152.

+ CHDV 105 and CHDV 200 placement for observation and supervised field experience must be in a classroom with preschool age children.

CHDV 200 should be taken in the last semester for this certificate or A.A. degree major program.

- Individual employers may have varying academic requirements for employment.
- The Child Development Department strongly recommends students complete CHDV 100 during the fall or spring semester.
- CHDV 121 is highly recommended for all Child Development students.
- CHDV 195 is required for the Child Development Permit issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing for Master Teacher, Site Supervisor, and Program Director permits.
- This certificate is separate from the Child Development permits issued by the state of CA. Please see one of the full time CHDV faculty for more information about the Child Development permits.

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