

We offer several certificates and degrees in Child Development!

Recommended Path to Get Started:

Students are strongly encouraged to begin with the two required foundation courses, CDEV C1000 (formerly CHDV 100) and CHDV 115. Then, students can choose an age-specific certificate, which includes 12 units of coursework that aligns with licensed childcare teaching requirements. From there, students may continue their pathway by earning an Associate Degree in Child Development or work toward transferring to a four-year university to pursue a Bachelor's Degree.

Infant/Toddler Certificate	Preschool Certificate	School Age Certificate
CDEV C1000* CHDV 115 CHDV 103 CHDV 106	CDEV C1000* CHDV 115 CHDV 101 CHDV 185	CDEV C1000* CHDV 115 CHDV 180 CHDV 190

Child Development Associate Degree/Certificate

Requires CDEV C1000* and CHDV 115 plus 18 additional CHDV Units:

101, 102, 103, 104, 105/105A, 106, 110, 120, 145, 172, 180, 182, 184, 185, 190, 195, 201, 201A

See a Child Development professor for which classes are best for your education/career goals.

Child & Adolescent AA-T Transfer Degree

(Transfers to CSUSM for a BA in Child & Adolescent Development)

Requires CDEV C1000*, CHDV 115, CHDV 185 and PSYC C1000, PSYC/SOC 205, PSYC 230
Plus general education courses for transfer

Perspective Elementary School Teachers:

Elementary school teachers are required to have a teaching credential. Credential programs require that students first earn a Bachelor's degree.

There are now two paths:

- **P-3 Credential** - Requires a Bachelor's Degree in Child Development. P-3 Credential programs do not require the CBEST test.
- **Multi-Subject Credential** - Requires a Bachelor's Degree in any subject and passing of the CBEST test. However, students with a Bachelor's in Liberal Studies can be waived from taking the CBEST. Student interested in transferring to a 4-year university to earn a BA in Liberal Studies can prepare for transfer by earning Palomar's transfer degree in University Studies: Elementary Education Preparation AA degree.

Please contact Child Development & Education Department Chair
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*CHDV 100 will appear in the class schedule as CDEV C1000 starting in Fall 2026