

## DEGREE INFORMATION

### Associate of Science Degree in Child Development

Completion of the certificate program and a minimum of 60 units including the general education requirements with an overall GPA of 2.0 qualifies the student for the Associate in Science degree. A minimum of 12 units must be completed at Saddleback College. With an AA degree in Child Development students can qualify for a site supervisor permit if they take the following courses in addition to their degree requirements: CD 127, CD 128, and CD 129.

#### Transfer Information

Students intending to transfer must complete IGETC or CSU pattern general education courses. See current schedule or catalog for course lists.

#### IMPORTANT NOTE:

Students who began coursework prior to Fall 2009 may use the requirements in effect for the academic year in which they began or move up to the current list, whichever meets their needs most effectively.

Students who began coursework prior to Fall 2005 MUST move up to current requirements. All previously taken coursework will apply to newer certificates/degrees. Some course names have changed. Check department website for complete information.

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Child Development program offers several different certificates geared to meet your career goals.

- Associate Teacher Occupational Skills Award
- **Early Childhood Teacher Certificate**
- Infant Toddler Teacher Certificate
- School Age Care and Recreation Certificate
- Early Interventionist Certificate
- Master Teacher Certificate
- Child Development Associate in Arts Degree

For students interested in K-12 education please contact the Saddleback College Education Department:



sceducation@saddleback.edu

See the Education Department Website

for information on

Preparing for a Career in Teaching (PACT)

[www.saddleback.edu/sbs/education](http://www.saddleback.edu/sbs/education)



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## SADDLEBACK COLLEGE

### Early Childhood Teacher Certificate and Associate of Science Degree



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# EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER CERTIFICATE



## WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER CERTIFICATE?

This certificate meets the coursework requirements for the **Teacher** level of the California Child Development Permit and prepares students to be competent and effective teachers and caregivers for young children ages 3-5.

Additional work experience with young children (175 days of 3 hours per day within 4 years) may be required to qualify for state permit. The Saddleback Certificate can be earned with coursework only.

Students are encouraged to apply for BOTH the college certificate and the state permit. See the Child Development website for application information.

Complete all core courses, supervised field experience, including all prerequisite courses and specified general education courses to earn your certificate. A minimum grade of "C" in each course is required to receive the certificate.

**Qualifies you for careers working directly or indirectly with children in related fields such as:**

- Preschool & Pre-K Teacher
- Parent Co-op Teacher
- Children's Museums
- Children's Advocacy
- Children's Book Author
- Design Services (Interior Design for Childhood Settings)



## Certificate Requirements: All courses below:

### Core Courses (24 units)

- CD 7/Psych 7—Developmental Psychology: Child Growth & Development 3
- CD 15\*/Soc 15\*—Child, Family & Community 3
- CD 101\*—Principles & Practices of Teaching Young Children 3
- CD 110\*—Introduction to Curriculum 3
- CD 111\*—Child Guidance & Communication 3
- CD 112\*—Health, Safety & Nutrition 3
- CD 117\*—Teaching Children in a Diverse Society 3
- CD 120\*—Observation & Assessment 3

### Supervised Field Experience Course (5 units)

- CD 121\*—Practicum: The Student Teaching Experience 5

Complete the following four courses prior to enrolling in CD 121:

- CD 110\*—Introduction to Curriculum
- CD 113\*—Math & Science for Young Children
- CD 114\*—Creative & Dramatic Arts for Young Children
- CD 115\*—Language & Literacy for Young Children

Lab placement must be in an approved setting that serves children ages 3-5 (with a qualified supervising teacher) .



### General Education Courses (16 units)

At least one degree applicable course in each of the following four (4) areas must be included. See Associate Degree, CSU or IGETC general education lists found in class schedule or student handbook for acceptable courses.

- English/Language Arts 16
- Science or Math
- Social Sciences
- Humanities/Fine Arts

### Total units in Early Childhood Teacher Certificate:

**45**

\*Course has a prerequisite, co-requisite, limitation, or recommended preparation; see course description in catalog.