

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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CURRICULUM

Courses in the Early Childhood Education program focus primarily on the development of the child from infancy through school age and explore programs and activities designed to promote children's overall growth and well-being. Students learn, both in theory and through direct observation, ways of meeting the emotional, physical, social, and cognitive needs of the young child. Courses in the program are relevant for those seeking training for employment in childcare facilities, as well as for parents and potential parents, recreation leaders, and elementary school teachers.

MAJOR

Students majoring in early childhood education develop a strong theoretical and practical background working with preschool-age children and their families. The program prepares students for immediate employment working as teachers or aides in childcare or other early childhood care-giving environments and provides a foundation of understanding and skills for those interested in careers providing services to children and families. Ample employment opportunities exist and salaries are increasing. Students may also prepare to transfer to four-year schools to pursue advanced degrees in child development with the eventual goal of becoming preschool directors, elementary school teachers, resource specialists, or consultants, or finding employment in related human service fields working with or in behalf of children.

CAREER OPTIONS

With an associate degree or certificate of achievement—

- Associate Teacher in Early Childhood Education
- Master Teacher in Early Childhood Education
- Teacher in Early Childhood Education

With a bachelor's or advanced degree—

- Consultant to Early Childhood Education Programs
- Site Supervisor/Director in Early Childhood Education
- Teen Parent Educator
- Workshop Facilitator

ASSOCIATE DEGREE

• Associate in Science Degree in Child Development

Emphases:

- Infant/Toddler
- School-Age Child

Students must complete a minimum of 60 units of credit, including the courses in the major ("Major Requirements") and general education requirements (pages 65-73), with an overall GPA of 2.0 or better. A minimum of 12 units must be completed at Irvine Valley College. See pages 61-64 for further information.

CERTIFICATE

• Certificate of Achievement in Child Development

Emphases:

- Infant/Toddler
- School-Age Child

Students must complete all courses in the certificate program ("Major Requirements") with a grade of "C" or better. A minimum of 12 units in the certificate program must be completed at Irvine Valley College. See page 62 for further information.

TRANSFER PREPARATION

Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree at Irvine Valley College may not be the same as those required for completing the major at a transfer institution offering a baccalaureate degree. Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university should (1) refer to the University Studies major (page 224) and "Transfer Planning" (page 76); (2) consult the catalog of their prospective transfer institution (see the IVC Transfer Center for assistance); and (3) schedule an appointment with an IVC counselor to develop a plan of study before beginning their program. It may be helpful to meet with the department faculty at IVC.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Associate in Science Degree or Certificate of Achievement

Complete the following courses:		Units
HD 7	Developmental Psychology: Childhood and Adolescence	3
HD 15	Socialization of the Child	3
HD 101	Observations of Young Children	3
HD 110	Principles and Programs for the Young Child	3
HD 120	Child Guidance and Discipline	3
HD 131	Creative Development in Young Children	3
HD 145	Language and Literacy Foundations	3
HD 150	Nutrition, Health and Safety of Young Children	3
HD 160	Advanced Curriculum Planning	3
HD 181	Practicum—Early Childhood Programs	2
CWE 168	Cooperative Work Experience: Human Development	1
TOTAL UNITS:		30

Recommended electives:

HLTH 1, PSYC 1, SOC 1

INFANT/TODDLER EMPHASIS

Complete the following courses:		Units
HD 7	Developmental Psychology: Childhood and Adolescence	3
HD 15	Socialization of the Child	3
HD 104	Infant and Toddler Development	3
HD 105	Infant and Toddler Programs	3
HD 120	Child Guidance and Discipline	3
HD 131	Creative Development in Young Children	3
HD 145	Language and Literacy Foundations	3
HD 150	Nutrition, Health and Safety of Young Children	3
CWE 168	Cooperative Work Experience: Human Development	3
TOTAL UNITS:		27

SCHOOL-AGE CHILD EMPHASIS

Complete the following courses:		Units
HD 7	Developmental Psychology: Childhood and Adolescence	3
HD 15	Socialization of the Child	3
HD 120	Child Guidance and Discipline	3
HD 131	Creative Development in Young Children	3
HD 145	Language and Literacy Foundations	3
HD 150	Nutrition, Health and Safety of Young Children	3
CWE 168	Cooperative Work Experience: Human Development	3
Complete a minimum of 6 units from the following courses:		
HD 266	Curriculum Planning for School-Age Children	1
HD 267	Program and Staff Development for School-Age Children	1
HD 268	Guidance and Discipline for School-Age Children	1
HD 269	Holiday and Summer Programs for School-Age Children	1
HD 270	Art and Music for School-Age Children	1
HD 271	Recreation and Sports for School-Age Children	1
TOTAL UNITS:		27

COURSES

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (GENERAL)

CWE 168: COOPERATIVE WORK EXPERIENCE: HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

1-4 Units

1-4 hours lecture

Transfers: CSU

Prerequisite: Student must have taken or must be currently taking a course in college-level early childhood education.

Limitation: Students must be concurrently enrolled in 7 units, including CWE. Application must be approved by CWE coordinator.

This course provides students an opportunity for supervised work experience. Students extend their classroom-based occupational learning by working at a job related to their major and to their occupational goal. Student, instructor, and employer will cooperatively develop a minimum of three learning objectives. One unit of credit will be awarded for each 75 hours of paid or 60 hours of volunteer employment for successful completion of learning objectives, and for attendance at scheduled seminar sessions. A maximum of four units may be applied toward major requirements or a certificate. R-I-3

HD 7: DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY: CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE

3 Units

3 hours lecture

Transfers: CSU, UC

Recommended Preparation: Psyc. 1
This course presents a study of human development from conception through adolescence within cultural and family contexts. It examines physical, cognitive and psychosocial development, both typical and atypical. It introduces students to the theories, research, and applications that constitute the field of child development by examining both traditional approaches and recent innovations. Students have the opportunity for observational study and direct classroom experience with children. The course is of particular interest to students preparing for a career working with children. Human Development 7 is also listed as Psychology 7; credit will be given in either area, not both. The course meets Title 22 licensing requirements for childcare providers. NR

HD 15: SOCIALIZATION OF THE CHILD**3 Units****3 hours lecture****Transfers:** CSU, UC**Recommended Preparation:** Psyc. 1

This course presents a study of contemporary family systems with an emphasis on the child. It explores the influence of five major socializing agents—the family, school, peers, media, and community—on the child. The course is of particular interest to students preparing for a career working with children. Human Development 15 is also listed as Sociology 15; credit will be given in either area, not both. It meets Title 22 licensing requirements for childcare providers. NR

HD 101: OBSERVATIONS OF YOUNG CHILDREN**3 Units****3 hours lecture****Transfers:** CSU

This course introduces the skills required and the methods used to observe and interpret the behavior of young children in a variety of early care and education settings. Students study basic theories and models of child development and use various observational tools to record and interpret children's behaviors. Completion of the course partially qualifies students to work in a licensed childcare facility. NR

HD 104: INFANT AND TODDLER DEVELOPMENT**3 Units****3 hours lecture****Transfers:** CSU

This course is an overview of the characteristic social, physical and sensorimotor behavior patterns of children from birth to age three in relation to the environment, both in theory and through direct observation. The course is appropriate for teachers in infant and toddler centers, home day-care providers, and parents. Completion of the course partially qualifies students to work in a licensed childcare facility. NR

HD 105: INFANT/TODDLER PROGRAMS**3 Units****3 hours lecture****Transfers:** CSU

This course explores early care and education programs for infants and toddlers. Topics include program goals and philosophies, curriculum development, safety concerns, routines, physical space provisions, equipment selection, and infant and family needs. The course emphasizes programs that provide quality care for infants. Completion of the course partially qualifies students to work in a licensed childcare facility. NR

HD 110: PRINCIPLES AND PROGRAMS FOR THE YOUNG CHILD**3 Units****3 hours lecture****Transfers:** CSU

This course introduces early childhood education programs, focusing on programs for infants to five-year-old children. The course explores various types of early childhood education programs, their history, philosophy, guiding principles and objectives. The course also addresses trends in the field, recent developments in staff training and responsibilities, and the laws and regulations governing early childhood programs. NR

HD 120: CHILD GUIDANCE AND DISCIPLINE**3 Units****3 hours lecture****Transfers:** CSU

This course introduces the theories, methods, and application of positive child guidance, discipline, and classroom management. The course is designed for educators, recreation leaders, parents, and others who are learning to interact and communicate with children in group settings. The course emphasizes the process of developing human potential by consciously applying principles of guidance based on child development theory and research. Students learn theoretical concepts of guidance and specific techniques to apply with children in changing their behavior. Completion of the course partially qualifies students to work in a licensed childcare facility. Human Development 120 was formerly Human Development 220. NR

HD 131: CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT IN YOUNG CHILDREN**3 Units****3 hours lecture****Transfers:** CSU

This course examines creativity as a critical function in the holistic development of young children. The course focuses on the importance of art, music, movement, imagery, literacy activities, and dramatic play in furthering children's overall development. Students will engage in creative activities, make connections between their experiences and those of children, and apply what they have learned in real-life settings with young children. Completion of the course partially qualifies students to work in a licensed childcare facility. NR

HD 145: LANGUAGE AND LITERACY FOUNDATIONS**3 Units****3 hours lecture****Transfers:** CSU**Recommended Preparation:** HD 7, HD 15, and HD 110

This course studies the development of language and literacy skills in children. It includes the comprehension and production of language, theories of language development, reading and writing acquisition, and practical application through classroom activities. The course presents options for incorporating language into the curriculum and explores the use of books, storytelling, finger plays, poetry, language games, flannel board stories, and dramatic play in planning a developmentally appropriate curriculum. It includes an overview of local, state, and national educational guidelines for language acquisition. Completion of the course partially qualifies students to work in a licensed childcare facility. NR

HD 150: NUTRITION, HEALTH, AND SAFETY OF YOUNG CHILDREN**3 Units****3 hours lecture****Transfers:** CSU**Recommended Preparation:** HD 7, HD 110

This course explores health practices, methods of implementing a safe environment, and planning and facilitating a sound nutrition program for children. The course is intended to present basic concepts and educate teachers and parents about the interrelationship of health, safety, and nutrition in the life of the child. Completion of the course partially qualifies students to work in a licensed childcare facility. NR

HD 160: ADVANCED CURRICULUM PLANNING**3 Units****3 hours lecture****Transfers:** CSU**Prerequisite:** HD 101, 131, 145, and 150

This course studies how to design, plan and implement a developmentally appropriate curriculum for young children. It addresses effective planning strategies; guidance techniques; language and literacy development; health, safety, and nutrition issues; and science and math activities. The course stresses the importance of creativity and the role of play across the curriculum. It also addresses state and federal curriculum guidelines, including respect for diversity and planning for children with special needs. Completion of the course partially qualifies students to work in a licensed childcare facility. NR

HD 181: PRACTICUM: EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS**2 Units****1 hour lecture, 4 hours lab****Transfers:** CSU**Prerequisite:** HD/Psyc. 7; Soc./HD 15; and HD 101, 131, 145, 150, and 220**Corequisite:** One unit of CWE 168**Recommended Preparation:** Complete sequence of courses required for certificate in child development**Enrollment Limitation:** Student must have current clear TB test or chest x-ray. This course is designed for students who are assuming teaching responsibilities with preschool children under the supervision of a master or mentor teacher. Students will be required to participate in all segments of the program including curriculum planning and implementation, classroom management, applying guidance techniques, communicating effectively with children and teachers, observing children, and initiating activities. Lecture and discussion relate to putting theoretical concepts into practice directly with children. NR**HD 190: ADMINISTRATION OF SCHOOLS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN—PROGRAM****3 Units****3 hours lecture****Transfers:** CSU**Prerequisite:** Child Development Certificate

This course offers instruction and training for prospective administrators of schools for young children. Topics include NAEYC accreditation, human relations, the director's responsibilities, planning, personnel management, staff development, program operation, parent involvement, community interaction, and public relations. This course is one of two courses in administration required by Title 22 licensing guidelines for center directors. NR

HD 191: ADMINISTRATION OF SCHOOLS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN—MANAGEMENT/BUDGET**3 Units****3 hours lecture****Transfers:** CSU**Recommended Preparation:** Child Development Certificate

This course offers instruction and training for prospective administrators of schools for young children. Topics include licensing requirements, funding and fiscal management, policy making, managerial decision making, time and office management, center development, and legal regulations. This course is one of two courses in administration required by Title 22 licensing guidelines for center directors. NR

HD 213: FAMILY CHILDCARE AS A BUSINESS**.5 Unit****.5 hour lecture**

This course explores the business aspects of operating a family childcare home. Special attention will be given to working effectively with parents, establishing and enforcing policies and procedures, maintaining a strong client base, and working effectively as a professional. NR

HD 215: ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILY CHILDCARE PROVIDERS**.5 Unit****.5 hour lecture**

This course provides family day-care providers with specific ideas for indoor and outdoor activities for various age groups of children within an in-home childcare environment. Emphasis is on providing specific curriculum ideas in the areas of dramatic play, creative art, math, cooking, language and literature, and outdoor activities. NR

HD 230: CULTURAL DIVERSITY/ ANTI-BIAS CURRICULUM**3 Units****3 hours lecture**

This course trains educators to affirm cultural roots, physical abilities, and gender equality in the classroom. Students consider their own assumptions and attitudes toward diversity and explore how to implement developmentally appropriate multicultural activities that are culturally sensitive. The course is designed to develop in students a greater tolerance and appreciation for the diversity of their community, and to develop their skills in responding to and intervening in prejudice. NR

HD 231: CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT**.5 Unit****.5 hour lecture**

This course studies the battered, molested, and neglected child from four vantage points: the child, law, parent, and educator. The course covers five specific types of child abuse—sexual, physical, emotional, and ritualistic abuse and abuse by neglect—and behavioral signs exhibited by abused children. The course also introduces child abuse reporting laws, as well as policies, procedures, and other laws relating to abuse. NR

HD 232: CHILDREN AND DIVORCE**.5 Units****.5 hour lecture**

This course explores the common problems and concerns of families going through the process of divorce, focusing on the complexities of the experience from the child's perspective. It examines children's reactions to divorce and presents parents and teachers with practical information—concepts, insights, examples, and techniques—to help children through the experience. The course is of particular interest to parents, teachers, and childcare providers. NR

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN)**HD 266: CURRICULUM PLANNING FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDCARE****1 Unit****1 hour lecture**

This course takes an integrated approach to designing and implementing a developmentally appropriate curriculum for school-age childcare programs. This course includes techniques for the effective planning and implementation of activities which enhance creativity and promote social, emotional, physical, and cognitive development. The course meets state licensing requirements for school-age childcare. NR

HD 267: PROGRAM AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDCARE**1 Unit****1 hour lecture**

This course explores the dynamics of working as a team staff member in implementing a program for school-age children. The course content includes communication skills, roles and responsibilities of staff, and effective means of working together to plan and implement curriculum for children ages five through twelve. This course meets licensing requirements for school-age childcare. NR

HD 268: GUIDANCE AND DISCIPLINE FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDCARE**1 Unit****1 hour lecture**

This course presents an overview of effective discipline and guidance techniques for working with children ages five through twelve. Special attention will be given to the developmental needs of the child and to effective classroom management techniques. The course will also introduce program planning techniques which foster appropriate behavior. NR

**HD 269: HOLIDAY AND SUMMER
PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL-AGE
CHILDCARE**

1 Unit

1 hour lecture

This course explores the options available to school-age childcare professionals for planning and implementing successful full-day programs for school-age children when elementary school is not in session. The course covers community resources, suggestions for special all-day events, and ideas for ongoing activities in all curriculum areas. This course meets licensing requirements for school-age childcare.
NR

**HD 270: ART AND MUSIC
FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDCARE**

1 Unit

1 hour lecture

This course presents specific techniques for integrating music and art into the school-age curriculum. The emphasis will be on presenting theoretical concepts of artistic expression and the specific, practical techniques for integrating these concepts into the daily curriculum. Special attention will be given to art and music activities which promote social growth and cultural awareness. This course meets state licensing requirements for school-age childcare. Field trips may be required.
NR

**HD 271: RECREATION AND SPORTS
FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDCARE**

1 Unit

1 hour lecture

This course presents an integrated approach to school-age curriculum planning using recreation and sports activities. It emphasizes the design and implementation of activities based on developmental theory and awareness of the skills and abilities of the child from ages five through twelve. The course provides an opportunity to learn new ideas for games, sports, and outdoor activities through active participation. This course meets state licensing requirements for school-age childcare.
NR

“Our parents can attend class while their children receive outstanding childcare. In addition to providing for the lifelong learning needs of children, the Child Development Center is the lab school for our Childhood Education program. It's a great resource for both students and the community.”

*— Becky Thomas
Director, Child Development Center*