



## Child Development Courses

Units listed are 12-week quarter units.

- CHLD 1 Child Growth & Development: Prenatal to Early Childhood (4 units)
- CHLD 2 Child Growth & Development: Middle Childhood to Adolescence (4 units)
- CHLD 50A Infant/Toddler Development (3 units)
- CHLD 51A Affirming Diversity in Education (4 units)
- CHLD 53NC Supporting Children with Special Needs in Children's Programs (3 units)
- CHLD 53NP Development of Children with Special Needs (3 units)
- CHLD 54A Developing a Healthy Organizational Climate in Education (1 unit)
- CHLD 54B The Right Fit: Recruiting, Selecting & Orienting Staff (1 unit)
- CHLD 54C Leadership in Action: How Effective Directors Get Things Done (1 unit)
- CHLD 54D From the Inside Out: The Power of Reflection & Self-Awareness (1 unit)
- CHLD 56 Observation & Assessment (4 units)
- CHLD 56N Principles & Practices of Teaching Young Children (4 units)
- CHLD 59 Working with School-Age Children: Principles & Practices (3 units)
- CHLD 63N Artistic & Creative Development (3 units)
- CHLD 71 Planning Creative Art Activities for Children (1 unit)
- CHLD 72 Language, Literacy & The Developing Child (3 units)
- CHLD 73 Music & Movement in Early Years (3 units)
- CHLD 74 Science & Nature (1 unit)
- CHLD 79 Caring for Infants & Toddlers in Groups (3 units)
- CHLD 82 Planning Creative Dramatics (1 unit)
- CHLD 86A Mentoring the Early Childhood Professional (4 units)

- CHLD 86B Practicum Student Teaching in an ECE Program (5 units)
- CHLD 88 Child, Family & Community (4 units)
- CHLD 88B Positive Behavior Management (2 units)
- CHLD 89 Curriculum for Early Care & Education Programs (4 units)
- CHLD 90B Administration & Supervision: Part 1 (4 units)
- CHLD 90C Administration & Supervision: Part 2 (4 units)
- CHLD 91 Administration & Supervision: Adult Supervision & Leadership (4 units)
- CHLD 95 Health, Safety & Nutrition in Children's Programs (4 units)

### For More Information

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## Child Development Program Profile

The Foothill College Child Development Department offers a high-quality program that is designed to deepen understanding of children, their families, and developmentally appropriate practices for children from birth through elementary-school age. College-level coursework gives you the opportunity to gain insight into children’s behavior; build relationships with children, families and colleagues; and enhance the learning environment. Student teaching is offered in quality community programs under supervision of mentor teachers and Foothill College faculty.

The program prepares you for success in meeting individual career goals. Courses and specialty career certificates are designed to help you:

- Meet or exceed the hiring requirements required by Title 22 state licensing regulations;
- Complete the requirements needed to obtain California child development permits; and
- Prepare you to transfer to a college or university and earn a bachelor’s degree.

Upon successful completion of the program, you will earn an Associate in Arts Degree in Child Development (90 quarter units), and may be able to apply child development units toward the lower-division major preparation requirement at a four-year college or university in disciplines such as child development, human development, child psychology, social work and K-12 education. If you intend to transfer, review the specific requirements of your transfer school, and meet with your Foothill counselor to create your personalized educational plan. You’ll use this plan to ensure that you stay on target to achieve your academic goals.



## Personal & Professional Qualities

To enjoy a successful, rewarding professional career in the field of early childhood education, you must demonstrate a variety of personal and professional characteristics, including:

- Thorough understanding of child development
- Knowledge of yourself and a dedication to learning
- Emotional well-being and physical endurance
- Creativity and a sense of humor
- Flexibility and an appreciation of children’s learning preferences
- Ability to articulate clearly verbally and in writing
- Commitment to excellence and ongoing professional development

## Rewarding Career Opportunities

Knowledge and an understanding of child development are prerequisites for many careers. Choices may include:

- Teaching in and/or directing a child development program for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, school-age children or children with special needs
- Operating a family-run child care business
- Parent/adult educator
- Childbirth educator
- Pediatric nurse
- Child psychologist
- Educational consultant
- Elementary school instructional aide
- Early interventionist
- Speech therapist
- Recreational leader



## Certificates

In addition to an associate degree, the department also offers several specialty certificates, including:

- Early Childhood Education Certificate of Specialization (25 quarter units)
- Inclusion & Children with Special Needs Certificate of Specialization (24 quarter units)
- Infant/Toddler Development Certificate of Specialization (23 quarter units)
- School-Age Child Care Certificate of Specialization (25 quarter units)
- Child Development Teacher Certificate of Achievement (73 quarter units)
- Program Supervision & Mentoring Certificate of Achievement (85 quarter units)

## Ensuring Student Success

Our program offers a strong foundation in child development that allows you to bring what you learn in the classroom to your workplace so that you can be a knowledgeable employee and become a leader in our profession and in our community.

Day, evening and online courses are offered to fit your busy schedule, and weekend and fast-track classes are regularly scheduled. Child development courses meet at Foothill’s Middlefield Campus in Palo Alto and Main Campus in Los Altos Hills. Additionally, general education classes and free academic counseling are available at both campuses.



As a child development student at Foothill, you also have access to regional and state professional organizations, which offer excellent professional development and networking opportunities.

- The **California Child Development Permit Advising** can help you earn a state permit as you earn units to complete your associate degree or certificates of achievement and specialization.
- The **California Early Childhood Mentor Teacher Program**, a statewide effort to improve the quality of child care, provides professional development opportunities for students who work in a classroom under the direction of a mentor teacher.
- The **Child Development Training Consortium** supports professional development through tuition reimbursement and child development application fees. In accordance with the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing and California Department of Education, Foothill College supports your effort to earn a child development permit. For more permit information, visit [childdevelopment.org](http://childdevelopment.org).
- The **Early Childhood Leadership Institute** supports the professional growth and development of children’s program directors and leaders by providing workshops, seminars and bi-quarterly round table support groups.
- The **Foothill Child Development Club**, a student-run organization, supports your academic and professional growth through a variety of fun, informative activities.