

# PROGRAMS

## MASTER TEACHER - CERTIFICATE

### Child Development: Master Teacher - Certificate

The Certificate of Achievement: Master Teacher is an academic and vocational training program that prepares students for future work as early childhood educators in diverse early childhood settings. The program is designed to prepare students to enter the workforce prepared with skills necessary to effectively work in the field. Courses meet entry level requirements and/or meet the requirements needed to obtain a California Child Development Permit. The program is designed to prepare students with coursework as required by California licensing policies. Course completion with practicum experience can lead to a California Child Development Permit and employment. Coursework may apply toward lower division preparation requirements for students interested in transferring to a four-year college or university. Please see a counselor for more information.

#### Program Learning Outcomes:

- Students will complete appropriate preparation for the Master Teacher Child Development Permit from the State of California.
- Students will demonstrate specialized curriculum for the early childhood education classroom.
- Students will identify and explain health, safety and nutritional needs of children in early childhood programs.

To earn this certificate, students must complete the minimum required courses with a grade of C (or P) or better.

#### Core Curriculum Courses Required:

Code	Class	Units
CHD 001	Child Growth and Development (3.0 Lecture)	3.0
CHD 002	Child, Family, and Community (3.0 Lecture)	3.0
CHD 003	Language and Literacy for the Young Child (3.0 Lecture)	3.0
CHD 004	Cognitive Experiences for Children (3.0 Lecture)	3.0
CHD 008A	Practicum A (1.5 Lecture/2.0 Lab)	3.5
CHD 010	Principles and Practices in Education (3.0 Lecture)	3.0
CHD 015	Observation and Assessment of Children (3.0 Lecture)	3.0
CHD 017	Child Health and Safety (3.0 Lecture)	3.0
CHD 022	Adult Supervision in Early Childhood Programs (2.0 Lecture)	2.0
CHD 026	Introduction to Curriculum (3.0 Lecture)	3.0

*Note: CHD 001, 002, 010, 015 and 026 are prerequisites for CHD 008A*

#### Plus two (2) of the following:

Code	Class	Units
CHD 005	Music and Movement (3.0 Lecture)	3.0
CHD 006	Supervision and Administration (3.0 Lecture)	3.0
CHD 007	Management Issues in Child Development Programs (3.0 Lecture)	3.0
CHD 013	Teaching in a Diverse Society (3.0 Lecture)	3.0
CHD 014	Art and Creative Development of Young Children (3.0 Lecture)	3.0
CHD 016	Infant and Toddler Development (3.0 Lecture)	3.0
CHD 020	The Child with Special Needs in the Community (3.0 Lecture)	3.0
CHD 021	Children and Play (3.0 Lecture)	3.0
CHD 024	Positive Guidance in Early Childhood Programs: Managing Challenging Behaviors (3.0 Lecture)	3.0
CHD 025	Inclusion Strategies and Curriculum in Early Childhood Education (3.0 Lecture)	3.0

**Required Units for the Major**

	<b>Units</b>
Required units for the major	35.5

**Career/Transfer Opportunities:**

Completion of this certificate qualifies students to apply for the California Child Development Permit at the Master Teacher level. Upon successful completion of this program students will have the opportunity to gain entry level positions as a lead teacher or be a master teacher in private or publicly funded early childhood and afterschool programs. On the job training fulfills the requirement to attain a lead teaching position. Students planning to transfer to a four-year college or university and wishing to pursue careers in human development, child psychology, social work, and secondary education should see a counselor to develop an education plan.