

# Be Something...

## Child Development

### What preparation will this program give me?

The Child Development program prepares students to function in a variety of early childhood programs. Perspectives on maturation, developmentally appropriate practices, and professional advancement within the childcare field receive primary concentration. Current theory and research, cultural influences, practical applications and a supervised laboratory preschool experience are connected so students will discover their most effective and unique role with children. The program enjoys the reputation of graduating sensitive, knowledgeable, caring individuals who are assets to their community make positive contributions to the well being of children and families.

### What kind of job will I be qualified for when I finish?

Train to become an Assistant Teacher, an Associate Teacher, a Teacher, an Early Intervention Assistant (working with children with special needs), or to provide Violence Intervention and Counseling.



**Median annual earnings of kindergarten, elementary, middle, and secondary school teachers ranged from \$43,580 to \$48,690 in May 2006.**

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2008-09 Edition*

### What classes will I take?

#### Required Courses:

Child Development AA Degree Major		Units
CHDEV 51	Child Growth and Development	3
CHDEV 53	The Child, the Family and the Community	3
CHDEV 54A	Preschool Education: Theory and Guidance	3
CHDEV 54B	The Preschool Program	3
CHDEV 55A	The Preschool Laboratory	5
CHDEV 55B	The Preschool Laboratory	5
Plus at least four additional elective courses (a minimum of 12 units)		12
<b>Total Required Units</b>		<b>34</b>

#### Child Development Assistant Teacher

Certificate of Achievement Requirements: A minimum of 6 units selected from Any Child Development course numbered 1 through 248

Child Development Associate Teacher: Certificate of Achievement		Units
CHDEV 50	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3 OR
CHDEV 54A	Preschool Education: Theory and Guidance	3
CHDEV 51	Child Growth and Development	3
CHDEV 53	The Child, the Family and the Community	3
CHDEV 54B	The Preschool Program	3
<b>Total Required Units</b>		<b>12</b>

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<b>Child Development Teacher: Certificate of Completion</b>		<b>Units</b>
CHDEV 51	Child Growth and Development	3
CHDEV 53	The Child, the Family and the Community	3
CHDEV 54A	Preschool Education: Theory and Guidance	3
CHDEV 54B	The Preschool Program	3
Plus 12 additional elective units		12
Plus 16 General Education units		16
<b>Total Required Units</b>		<b>40</b>

<b>Child Development Early Intervention Assistant (EIA) : Certificate of Achievement</b>		<b>Units</b>
CHDEV 83	Introduction to Early Intervention	3
CHDEV 84	Young Children with Special Needs: Strategies for Intervention	3
CHDEV 85	Managing Challenging Behaviors in ECE Settings	3
CHDEV 86	Career Education in Early Intervention	1
CHDEV 87	Occupational Work Experience in Early Intervention	2
plus 3 additional elective units		3
<b>Total Required Units</b>		<b>15</b>

<b>Child Development Violence Intervention And Counseling</b>		<b>Units</b>
CHDEV 51	Child Growth and Development	3
CHDEV 53	The Child, the Family and the Community	3
CHDEV 76	Violence: Its Impact on Children and Families	3
CHDEV 77	Introduction to Violence Counseling	3
CHDEV 78	Field Experience in Violence Intervention	3
<b>Total Required Units</b>		<b>15</b>

### **What degree will I receive and how many course credits will I need?**

Students who successfully complete the 34 required units and other general education requirements can obtain an Associate in Arts degree in Child Development. Students who successfully complete the 40 required units for the Child Development Teacher program will obtain a Certificate of Completion. Certificates of Achievement will be given to students who successfully complete the required coursework for Assistant Teacher (6 units), Associate Teacher (12 units), Early Intervention Assistant (15 units), or Violence Intervention and Counseling (15 units)

### **Where do I get more information?**

Contact the Merritt College Child Development program at (510) 436-2589.

