



Child Development Courses at Foothill College

- CHLD 11 Affirming Diversity in Education (4 units)
- CHLD 50 School-Age Child (Age 5–12): Behavior & Development (3 units)
- CHLD 50A Infant/Toddler Development (3 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 55 Child Growth & Development (5 units)
- CHLD 56 Observation & Assessment (4 units)
- CHLD 56N Introduction to Child Development (4 units)
- CHLD 59 Working with School-Age Children: Principles & Practicum (3 units)
- CHLD 63N Artistic & Creative Development (3 units)
- CHLD 72 Language Development (3 units)
- CHLD 73 Music & Movement in Early Years (3 units)
- CHLD 79 Caring for Infants & Toddlers in Groups (3 units)
- CHLD 85 Literacy & Literature (3 units)
- 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 (3 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 (3 units)

For more information:

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Painting the Future Conference

Painting the Future: Building Community in Early Care & Education. The Foothill College Child Development Program presents this conference during Fall Quarter.



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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 is designed to give 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 faculty members from the Foothill College Child Development Department.

Foothill's Child Development Program prepares you for success in meeting individual career goals. Courses and specialty career certificates are designed to ensure that you:

- meet or exceed the hiring requirements for the level of work chosen;
- complete the requirements needed to obtain permits to become a child development assistant, associate teacher, teacher, master teacher and site supervisor in state-licensed, publicly funded, center-based child care and development programs; and
- are prepared to continue your education and earn a bachelor's degree.

The Foothill College Associate in Arts Degree in Child Development (90 units) also allows you to transfer to a four-year college or university to pursue further studies in such fields as child development, human development, child psychology, social work, and elementary and special education. If you intend to transfer, review the specific requirements of the school to which you plan to transfer, and meet early and often with your Foothill College counselor to create your personalized educational plan to ensure that you achieve your academic goals.

Personal & Professional Qualities

To enjoy a successful, rewarding professional career in the field of early childhood education, you must demonstrate select 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, and
- 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, or
- Recreational leader.

You should consult with a Foothill College counselor for additional education requirements.



Certificates

- Infant Toddler Development Certificate of Specialization (24 units)
- Early Childhood Education Certificate of Specialization Inclusion (25 units)
- School-Age Child Care Certificate of Specialization (25 units)
- Inclusion & Children with Special Needs Certificate of Specialization (25 units)
- Child Development Teacher Certificate of Achievement (68 units)
- Program Supervision & Mentoring Certificate of Achievement (84 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 you can be a knowledgeable employee and become a leader in our profession and in our community.

Foothill has an on-site CARES representative. Santa Clara CARES helps to build a skilled, stable, early education work force by linking monetary rewards with educational goals and professional development. Make an appointment with the CARES representative to prepare your Professional Development & Educational Plan. Call **(650) 949-6962** or e-mail **CARESProgram@foothill.edu**.

General education classes and a Foothill counselor are available at the Foothill College Middlefield Campus in Palo Alto. Call **(650) 949-6950**.

The California Early Childhood Mentor Teacher Program is a statewide effort to improve the quality of child care. The program provides professional development opportunities for students who work in a classroom under the direction of a mentor teacher.

Child Development Training Consortium (CDTC) 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, access **www.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 is a student-run organization supporting academic and professional growth through activities and contributions to the Child Development Department and college.

