

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

MiraCosta College's Child Development Program will prepare you to become a teacher or director in early care and education programs (infant/toddler, preschool, or after school), work in social services settings, and prepare for transfer in a variety of fields (teaching in elementary or secondary settings, program administration, school counseling, child psychology, etc.)

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CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Child Development Program at MiraCosta College gives students both the theoretical and hands-on experience needed to establish a career in child development.

Child development is the study of the social/emotional, cognitive/language, and physical/motor growth and development of children, from conception through adolescence.

With flexible courses that meet days, evenings, weekends, and online, students can take courses in teaching young children, child behavior, child/adolescence growth and development, as well as many others.

Child development includes a variety of professions that serve children and their families, such as infant/toddler care, preschool teaching (including Head Start), elementary and secondary education, early childhood special education, program administration, school counseling, child psychology, child advocacy, social work, and community services.



"This place has meant so much to me. I love watching the kids grow and learn. In a perfect world, I would come back to MiraCosta College as a professor and teach child development."

MiraCosta is focused on a student's end goal. It's focused on a student's success, in everything from the application process to student support services, to

helping you find financial aid and finding a job. Everything is accessible, and the teachers are passionate about what they do." —Chelise Walker

DEGREES & CERTIFICATES

Certificates of Proficiency are designed to be the first step in a career ladder through the introduction to one aspect of a trade or occupation.

- Child Development Assistant Teacher

Certificates of Achievement quickly prepare students for immediate employment in specific child development areas.

- Child Development Associate Teacher
- Early Intervention and Inclusion
- Child Development Teacher
- Child Development Master Teacher
- Child Development Site Supervisor

An **Associate Degree** in Child Development is offered to provide students with the hands-on knowledge and skills to secure a career in the field. An associate degree requires completion of a Certificate of Achievement and general education courses specified in the MiraCosta College catalog.

Associate in Arts Degree

- Child Development Associate Teacher
- Child Development Teacher
- Child Development Master Teacher
- Child Development Site Supervisor
- Child and Adolescent Development for Transfer

Associate in Science Degree

- Child Development Associate Teacher

For more information about associate degrees and certificates, please contact the Counseling Department at 760.795.6670.

INDUSTRY WAGES & JOBS AVAILABLE

Student wages Before and After taking courses in Child Development:



Top In-Demand Jobs in the San Diego Region

Child Development-Related Occupations	Hourly Wages
Childcare Workers	\$6.66–\$20.44
Teacher Assistants	\$13.21–\$22.38
Elementary School Teachers (Except Special Education)	\$21.55–\$49.00
Preschool Teachers (Except Special Education)	\$12.86–\$24.44
Kindergarten Teachers (Except Special Education)	\$15.71–\$47.76

WHO IS HIRING?

Top employers in the north San Diego region hiring for child development-related jobs include (partial list):

- Bright Horizons
- Childtime Learning Centers
- Children's Paradise
- Educational Enrichment Systems
- Easterseals Southern California
- El Camino Preschool
- Encinitas Union Elementary School
- Growing Minds
- Kids by the Sea School
- LePort Montessori School
- La Petite Academy
- MAAC Head Start
- Oceanside Unified School District
- Rady Children's Hospital
- Vista Unified School District
- YMCA