

Fast Track to Career, Accelerated Certificate

Teacher's Aide to Early Childhood Education (ECE) Pathway

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- **Accelerated Certificate Pathways:** Fast-track your education with flexible programs tailored for adult learners.
- **8-Week Courses:** Stay on track with most courses being 8 weeks.
- **Earn Stackable Certificates:** Build your skills step-by-step, advance your career at your own pace, and boost your income potential
- **Work-Based Learning Opportunities:** Gain real-world experience through career events, hands-on projects, and internship opportunities!



HOW TO GET STARTED

- 1 Complete an [interest form](#) to participate in the Accelerated Certificate program.
- 2 Meet with an Accelerated Program contact (We will contact you!)
- 3 Submit appropriate CCCApply application
 - [MiraCosta application](#) (for credit courses)
 - [MiraCosta's Continuing Education application](#) (for non-credit courses)
- 4 Register for courses in SURF (We will send you the list!)

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Interest Form

CERTIFICATE & CAREER PROGRESSION IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Teacher's Aide Certificate of Completion

- Optional Noncredit Certificate -

Career Opportunities \$15-\$18/hour

Child Care Aide, Before & After School Youth Leader



Child Development Assistant Teacher Certificate of Proficiency

Career Opportunities \$17-\$19/hour

Preschool Teaching Assistant, Paraprofessional, Paraeducator



Child Development Associate Teacher Certificate of Achievement

Career Opportunities \$17-\$19/hour

Preschool Teaching Assistant, Paraprofessional, Paraeducator



Child Development Teacher Certificate of Achievement

Career Opportunities \$26-\$30/hour

ECE & Preschool Lead Teacher except special education; transitional kindergarten**

** Must hold a teaching credential with 24 units of Early Education/Child Development courses.

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This plan assumes full-time attendance. Part-time track is also available for students who cannot take four courses per semester. Students should meet with a MiraCosta counselor for further information regarding the most efficient and equitable pathway. miracosta.edu/counseling

Teacher's Aide Certificate of Completion, Noncredit

Noncredit courses, optional noncredit certificate

OPTIONAL TERM: FALL OR SPRING

Requires **two courses**: NCWFP 40 is required plus NCWFP 41 or NCWFP 42

Course	Schedule
NCWFP 40: Teacher's Aide Training - The Basics	4 weeks
NCWFP 41: Teacher's Aide Training - Educational Technologies	4 weeks
NCWFP 42: Teacher's Aide Training - Special Education	4 weeks

Child Development Assistant Teacher Certificate of Proficiency, Credit

12 credit units (CHLD 113, 210 + 6 elective credits)

TERM 1 - FALL

Course	Units	Schedule
1st 8 weeks		
CHLD 105: Principles and Practices of Teaching Young Children	3	8 weeks
[GE] CHLD 113: Child and Adolescent Growth Development	3	8 weeks
2nd 8 weeks		
CHLD 106: Introduction to Curriculum in Early Childhood	3	8 weeks
[GE] CHLD 210: Child, Family, and Community	3	8 weeks

Child Development Associate Teacher Certificate of Achievement, Credit

18 credit units (CHLD 105, 113, 205, 210 + 6 elective credits)

TERM 2 - SPRING

Course	Units	Schedule
1st 8 weeks		
CHLD 200: Observation & Assessment in Early Childhood	3	8 weeks
[GE] PSYC 101: General Psychology	3	8 weeks
2nd 8 weeks		
CHLD 205: Health, Safety, and Nutrition	3	8 weeks
[GE] PSYC 104: Statistics	4	8 weeks

Child Development Teacher Certificate of Achievement, Credit

27 credit units (CHLD 105, 106, 109, 113, 200, 205, 210, 270 + 3 elective credits) + 16 General Education [GE] units

TERM 3 - SUMMER

Course	Units	Schedule
CHLD 109: Child Behavior and Guidance	3	8 weeks
[GE] PSYC 205: Research Methods in Psychology	3	8 weeks

TERM 4 - FALL

Course	Units	Schedule
[GE] CHLD 235: Child in a Diverse Society	3	8 weeks
CHLD 270: Practicum - The Student Teaching Experience	3	17 weeks

Courses that count toward an Associate Degree for Transfer in Child and Adolescent Development.

[GE] General education courses