



What Can I Do With A Major In... Child Development

What is Child Development...

Students in this program learn about the development of children's bodies, emotions, social skills, and intelligence so they can plan and design services and learning environment for young children. Courses cover parent-child relations, methods of parenting, influences on child development, and public policy issues. The child development major is designed for students who wish to study children (infancy through adolescence) and the major family, cultural, peer, school, and neighborhood contexts in which they live. The major is designed to provide a strong background in the social and behavioral sciences related to child development, a focused understanding of the scientific study of children and the contexts in which they develop, and opportunities for supervised and independent research on aspects of child development in ways that enable students to link theories and prior research to research design and data on children's development.

Potential Employers

- ❖ Extended School Programs
- ❖ Head Start Program
- ❖ Family Day Care
- ❖ Preschool
- ❖ Public/Private Schools
- ❖ Adult Education Programs
- ❖ Religious Organizations
- ❖ Adoption Agencies
- ❖ Rehabilitation Centers
- ❖ Foundations/Funding Programs
- ❖ Youth Services Agencies
- ❖ Group Homes
- ❖ Department of Health/Education
- ❖ Women/Children Protection Agencies

Possible Job Titles

- ❖ Preschool Teacher
- ❖ Child Life Specialist
- ❖ Case Manager
- ❖ Occupational Therapist
- ❖ Social Services Worker
- ❖ Infant/Toddler Teacher
- ❖ Program Evaluator
- ❖ Family Child Care Provider

- ❖ Journalist
- ❖ Counselor
- ❖ Administrator
- ❖ K-12 Teacher
- ❖ College/University Professor
- ❖ Early Childhood Special Needs Educator
- ❖ Family and Consumer Studies Specialist

- ❖ Parent-Child Educator
- ❖ Student Affairs Counselor
- ❖ Early Childhood Educator
- ❖ Day Care Director
- ❖ Dean
- ❖ Program Coordinator

How This Major Helps You Move Forward:

Skills Learned in This Major:

- ❖ Observe and assess development of young children
- ❖ Develop strong communication skills to build respectful relationships with parents
- ❖ Develop cultural sensitivity and responsiveness to young children & their families
- ❖ Develop professionalism in the field of early childhood education
- ❖ Demonstrate patience with children and the ability to work well with people of different backgrounds
- ❖ Develop physical stamina to work well with children
- ❖ Develop research and writing skills

Additional Information can be found at:

www.assist.org
www.salary.com
www.uncw.edu/career/WhatCanIDoWithaMajorIn.html
www.cacareerzone.org
www.lamission.edu/careercenter

CSU/UC Related Transfer Majors:

- ❖ **CSUN:** Child and Adolescent Development B.A. (with options in Applied Developmental Science & Early Childhood Development)
- ❖ **CSULA:** Child Development B.A. (with options in Elementary Subject Matter and General Option)
- ❖ **CSU Dominguez Hills:** Child Development B.S. (with concentrations in Counseling and Family Services, Early Teaching and Learning, Juvenile Delinquency, Management and Administration)

Go to www.assist.org to see universities that offer these majors

CSU/UC Graduate Degree Options:

- ❖ **CSU LA:** Childhood Development MA
- ❖ **CSU San Diego State:** Child & Family Development MS
- ❖ **UC Davis:** Child Development MS

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