



## Options for MS Credential Holders Who Want to Teach Preschool or Work in an After-school Program

Are you considering applying for a position as a teacher in a preschool program or an after-school program? In California, you must have a Child Development Permit in order to work in any early childhood program that receives public funds.

The courses that you took for your Multiple Subjects Credential do not automatically qualify you for a Child Development Permit. Instead, there are two criteria you must meet.

1. To work in a preschool setting, you need 12 units of coursework in early childhood education. Course content must focus on the development and learning of children *five years and younger*. The 12 units must include 3 units focused on child development, 3 units focused on the study of the child in the family and community, and 3 units focused on early childhood curriculum. If you are only interested in working with school-age children in an after-school program, then only 6 of the 12 units must be at the preschool level. For a school-age permit only, your Multiple Subjects Credential coursework can be used to meet 6 of the 12 units.
2. You need 3 units of supervised fieldwork. Your student teaching experience can fulfill this requirement *only if you can document that it occurred in a kindergarten classroom*.

Coursework that you completed as an undergraduate or as pre-requisites to the Multiple Subject Credential might qualify to meet the 12-unit requirement. Sonoma State University courses that meet the child development requirements are listed on the back of this sheet.

If you have questions about the Child Development Permit or working at the preschool level, please contact your Early Childhood Education advisor.



**SSU COURSEWORK TO SATISFY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PERMIT**

The Child Development Permit is issued by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC). Information about the permit is available from CCTC at <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/CREDS/child-dev-permits.html>.

Child Development Permit holders must complete course units in three core areas: Child/Human Growth and Development; Child, Family, and Community; and Programs/Curriculum. Additional units in child development/early childhood education as well as experience working in an early childhood program may be required at the more advanced levels of the permit.

The following courses satisfy CCTC requirements for coursework in each area. Please keep in mind that courses are not offered every year; careful planning is needed to complete coursework in an efficient and timely manner.

<b>CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT</b>
<p><b>PSY 302</b> Development of the Person (3 units)  <b>PSY 410</b> Child Development (4 units)  <b>*EDEC 420</b> Child Development in the Family, School, and Community (3 units)  <b>**EDEC 538</b> The Development of Language and Thinking, Infancy through Middle Childhood (3 units)  <b>**EDEC 532</b> Social-Moral Development in Childhood (3 units)</p>
<b>CHILD, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY</b>
<p><b>EDEC 239</b> Introduction to Early Childhood Education (3 units)  <b>PSY 418</b> Psychology of the Family (3-4 units)  <b>*EDEC 420</b> Child Development in the Family, School, and Community (3 units)  <b>SOC 345</b> Sociology of Families (4 units)  <b>AMCS 405</b> Ethnic Families in America (3-4 units)</p>
<b>EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS/CURRICULUM</b>
<p><b>***EDEC 331</b> Practicum in Child Study (4 units)  <b>***EDEC 437</b> Integrated Multicultural Curriculum Preschool through Elementary School (4 units)  <b>**EDEC 537</b> Authentic Assessment in Preschool and Primary Programs (3 units)</p>
<b>GENERAL EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT</b>
<p><b>LING 430</b> Language Acquisition and Communicative Development (3 units)  <b>PSY 411</b> Seminar: Behavioral and Emotional Problems of Children (3-4 units)  <b>PSY 448</b> Cognitive Development (4 units)  <b>EDSP 432</b> Designing Inclusive Environments in Early Childhood Education (4 units)  <b>AMCS 460</b> Multiethnic Children’s Literature (3 units)  <b>**EDEC 531</b> Play and Its Role in Development and Learning (3 units)</p>
<p><i>*EDEC 420 can be used to satisfy either the child growth and development requirement <u>or</u> the child/family/community requirement, but <u>not both</u>. You must choose an additional course to satisfy both requirements.  **Courses at the 500 level are graduate courses and can only be taken by students with senior status and consent of the instructor.  ***Also meets the requirement for supervised field experience</i></p>