



Child Development Permit

The Child Development Permit is issued by the State of California in order to certify child care providers who work with young children; it is required for providers who work in program that receive state funds. The permit is issued at different levels, depending upon the education and experience of the applicant. This packet contains a matrix summarizing the different permit levels and the requirements for each level.

Sonoma State University offers coursework to meet the requirements for the Child Development Permit. It is important to note that the state classifies the required coursework into five categories: child growth and development; child, family, and community; early childhood programs and curriculum; general early childhood development; and supervised field experience. To determine the specific categories that apply to any given permit level, please see the attached Child Development Permit Matrix.

An application for the Child Development Permit consists of four parts. The required forms can be found at <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/CREDS/child-dev-permits.html>. The application must include:

1. Completed application form
2. Documentation of courses completed (transcripts) and verification of experience
3. The application processing fee
4. LiveScan receipt (verification that fingerprints have been taken and LiveScan fees paid—see website above for more information about fees and where to get fingerprints taken)

Submit the application to Commission on Teacher Credentialing. For more information go to: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/apply.html>

If you need additional help, please contact your advisor.

Child Development Permit Matrix - with Alternative Qualification Options Indicated

Permit Title	Education Requirement (Option 1 for all permits)	Experience Requirement (Applies to Option 1 Only)	Alternative Qualifications (with option numbers indicated)	Authorization	Five Year Renewal
Assistant (Optional)	Option 1: 6 units of Early Childhood Education (ECE) or Child Development (CD)	None	Option 2: Accredited HERO program (including ROP)	Assist in the care, development and instruction of children in a child care and development program under the supervision of an Associate Teacher or above.	105 hours of professional growth*****
Associate Teacher	Option 1: 12 units ECE/CD including core courses**	50 days of 3+ hours per day within 2 years	Option 2: Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential.	May provide service in the care, development and instruction of children in a child care and development program; and supervise an Assistant Permit holder and an Aide.	Must complete 15 additional units toward a Teacher Permit. Must meet Teacher requirements within 10 years.
Teacher	Option 1: 24 units ECE/CD including core courses** plus 16 General Education (GE) units*	175 days of 3+ hours per day within 4 years	Option 2: AA or higher in ECE/CD or related field with 3 units supervised field experience in ECE/CD setting	May provide service in the care, development and instruction of children in a child care and development program, and supervise all above.	105 hours of professional growth*****
Master Teacher	Option 1: 24 units ECE/CD including core courses** plus 16 GE units* plus 6 specialization units plus 2 adult supervision units	350 days of 3+ hours per day within 4 years	Option 2: BA or higher (does not have to be in ECE/CD) with 12 units of ECE/CD, plus 3 units supervised field experience in ECE/CD setting	May provide service in the care, development and instruction of children in a child care and development program, and supervise all above. Also may serve as a coordinator of curriculum and staff development in a child care & development program.	105 hours of professional growth*****
Site Supervisor	Option 1: AA (or 60 units) which includes: • 24 ECE/CD units with core courses** • 16 GE units* plus 6 administration units plus 2 adult supervision units	350 days of 3+ hours per day within 4 years including at least 100 days of supervising adults	Option 2: BA or higher (does not have to be in ECE/CD) with 12 units of ECE/CD, plus 3 units supervised field experience in ECE/CD setting; or Option 3: Admin. credential *** with 12 units of ECE/CD, plus 3 units supervised field experience in ECE/CD setting; or Option 4: Teaching credential**** with 12 units of ECE/CD, plus 3 units supervised field experience in ECE/CD setting	May supervise a child care and development program operating at a single site; provide service in the care, development and instruction of children in a child care and development program; and serve as coordinator of curriculum and staff development.	105 hours of professional growth*****
Program Director	Option 1: BA or higher (does not have to be in ECE/CD) including: • 24 ECE/CD units with core courses** plus 6 administration units plus 2 adult supervision units	Site Supervisor status and one program year of Site Supervisor experience	Option 2: Admin. credential *** with 12 units of ECE/CD, plus 3 units supervised field experience in ECE/CD setting; or Option 3: Teaching credential**** with 12 units of ECE/CD, plus 3 units supervised field experience in ECE/CD setting, plus 6 units administration; or Option 4: Master's Degree in ECE/CD or Child/Human Development	May supervise a child care and development program operated in a single site or multiple-sites; provide service in the care, development and instruction of children in a child care and development program; and serve as coordinator of curriculum and staff development.	105 hours of professional growth*****

NOTE: All unit requirements listed above are semester units. All course work must be completed with a grade of C or better from a regionally accredited college. Spanish translation of matrix available.

*One course in each of four general education categories, which are degree applicable: English/Language Arts; Math or Science; Social Sciences; Humanities and/or Fine Arts.

**Core courses include child/human growth & development; child/family/community or child and family relations; and programs/curriculum. You must have a minimum of three semester units or four quarter units in the core areas of child/human growth & development and child/family/community.

***Holders of the Administrative Services Credential may serve as a Site Supervisor or Program Director.

****A valid Multiple Subject or a Single Subject in Home Economics.

*****Professional growth hours must be completed under the guidance of a Professional Growth Advisor. Call (209) 572-6085 for assistance in locating an advisor.

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This matrix was prepared by the Child Development Training Consortium. To obtain a permit application visit our website at www.childdevelopment.org or call (209) 572-6080.



SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

School of Education
Early Childhood Education Program

SSU COURSEWORK TO SATISFY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

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

CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

- *EDEC 220 Observing Child Development in the First Eight Years (4 units)
- *EDEC 420 Child Development in the Family, School, and Community (3 units)
- PSY 302 Development of the Person (3 units)
- PSY 410 Child Development (4 units)
- **EDEC 538 The Development of Language and Thinking, Infancy through Middle Childhood (3 units)
- **EDEC 532 Social-Moral Development in Childhood (3 units)

CHILD, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY

- EDEC 270 Children and Families in a Diverse Society (4 units)
- *EDEC 420 Child Development in the Family, School, and Community (3 units)
- PSY 418 Psychology of the Family (3-4 units)
- SOC 345 Sociology of Families (4 units)
- AMCS 405 Ethnic Families in America (3-4 units)

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS/CURRICULUM

- *EDEC 237 Creating Environments for Young Children (4 units)
- *EDEC 437 Integrated Curriculum in Early Childhood Classrooms (4 units)
- **EDEC 537 Authentic Assessment in Preschool and Primary Programs (3 units)

GENERAL EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

- EDEC 201 Foundations of Early Care and Education (4 units)
- EDEC 331 Studying Children in Context (4 units)
- EDEC 435 Leadership and Advocacy on Behalf of Children and Families (4 units)
- EDSP 432 Young Children with Special Needs (4 units)
- LING 430 Language Acquisition and Communicative Development (3 units)
- PSY 411 Seminar: Behavioral and Emotional Problems of Children (3-4 units)
- PSY 448 Cognitive Development (4 units)
- AMCS 460 Multiethnic Children's Literature (3 units)
- **EDEC 531 Play and Its Role in Development and Learning (3 units)
- **EDEC 535 Advocacy and Leadership on Behalf of Families and Children (3 units)

SUPERVISED FIELD EXPERIENCE

- EDEC 220 Observing Child Development in the First Eight Years (4 units)
- EDEC 437 Integrated Curriculum in Early Childhood Classrooms (4 units)

**Some courses are listed in more than one category. However, a course that has been used to meet the requirement in one category cannot double-count towards another category. You must take one course in each of the categories specified on the permit matrix.*

***Courses at the 500 level are graduate courses and can only be taken by students with senior or graduate status and consent of the instructor.*

Contact your advisor for more information.