



Child Development Permit

The Child Development Permit is issued by the State of California in order to certify providers who work with young children; it is required for child care 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 four categories: child growth and development; child, family, and community; early childhood programs and curriculum; and general early childhood development. For most levels of the permit, you must take at least one course in the first three categories. This packet contains a list of the courses offered at SSU in each category. Additional units in child development/early childhood education as well as experience working in an early childhood program may also be required (see 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 (\$55)
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)

There are two ways to apply for a Child Development Permit:

1. Applicants who are SSU students and who seek a permit at the Assistant Teacher, Associate Teacher, or Teacher level can apply through the School of Education. Obtain an application packet from the receptionist in the School of Education office (Stevenson 1078). Complete the application and return it to Lane Olsen.
2. Applicants seeking a permit at any level can apply directly to the state of California. Information on how to apply directly can be found at <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/CREDS/child-dev-permits.html>.

If you need additional help, please contact the ECE advisor, Dr. Chiara Bacigalupa, at chiara.bacigalupa@sonoma.edu.

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 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.

CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

- PSY 302 Development of the Person (3 units)
- PSY 410 Child Development (4 units)
- *EDEC 420 Child Development in the Family, School, and Community (3 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 239 Introduction to Early Childhood Education (3 units)
- PSY 418 Psychology of the Family (3-4 units)
- *EDEC 420 Child Development in the Family, School, and Community (3 units)
- SOC 345 Sociology of Families (4 units)
- AMCS 405 Ethnic Families in America (3-4 units)

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS/CURRICULUM

- ***EDEC 331 Practicum in Child Study (4 units)
- ***EDEC 437 Integrated Multicultural Curriculum Preschool through Elementary School (4 units)
- **EDEC 537 Authentic Assessment in Preschool and Primary Programs (3 units)

GENERAL EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

- 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)
- EDSP 432 Designing Inclusive Environments in Early Childhood Education (4 units)
- AMCS 460 Multiethnic Children's Literature (3 units)
- **EDEC 531 Play and Its Role in Development and Learning (3 units)

**EDEC 420 can be used to satisfy either the child growth and development requirement or the child/family/community requirement, but not both. 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 or graduate status and consent of the instructor.*

****These courses also satisfy the supervised fieldwork requirement.*

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