

## Mission

Our mission is to prepare students to become early childhood educators and professionals who work with children and families in their schools and communities. The focus of the department is on the study of social-emotional development as the underlying foundation for all other areas of development including physical, cognitive, motor, and language.

The program represents an interdisciplinary field of study with the basic assumption that development takes place across the lifespan in the context of the family, community, and public policy. Our department's emphasis on primary prevention prepares students through hands-on community-based learning experiences.



**The special skills, experiences, and areas of knowledge gained by the Child Development major are varied and include:**

- Developmental perspectives
- Knowledge of the development (physical, psychological, emotional, social) of infants, toddlers, preschoolers, school-aged children, adolescents, and adults
- Knowledge of family violence and child maltreatment
- Developmentally appropriate curriculum
- Inclusion, team-teaching, interagency community networking, cross-discipline experiences
- Atypical development
- Advocacy and public policy
- Knowledge of dating, marriage, parenting, parent-child and peer relationships, family development, adulthood and aging
- Early intervention skills
- Community engagement and research skills

## Department of Child and Family Development

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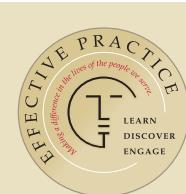
### Other College of Education Programs

- Single Subject Credential
- Multiple Subject Credential
- Multiple Subject Bilingual Credential
- Special Education Credential
- Administrative Credential
- see web site for other COE Programs



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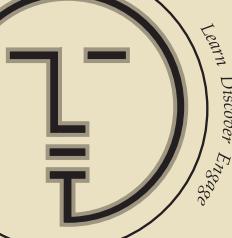


## Child And Family Development Undergraduate Program

*Make a Difference in  
the Life of a Child!*



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# Making a difference in the lives of the people we serve.



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*College of Education*

## The Major

The interdisciplinary major in Child Development prepares students for a variety of professional specialties. Graduates within this major find positions in early care and education, hospitals, clinics, residential institutions, counseling centers, mental health centers, public welfare agencies, family service agencies, family planning clinics, community programs, business and industry, and government agencies.

The Child Development major provides preparation for graduate study in child or family development, early childhood education, social work, marriage and family therapy, school psychology, school counseling, special education, elementary education, law, and social emotional behavior modification.

Field experience programs offer students supervised work in community agencies, children's programs, the SDSU Children's Center, as well as multiple school districts across San Diego.

## Impacted Major

To be admitted into the Child Development major, students must meet the following criteria:

- Complete with a grade of C or higher: Child and Family Development 135, 270, 270L, 272, 275; Biology 100; Psychology 101; Sociology 101; and Psychology 280 or Sociology 201 or a three unit elementary statistics course;
- Complete a minimum of 45 baccalaureate level semester units (a minimum of 60 units are required for all transfer applicants);
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.40 or higher.

## Child Development Major

The Child Development major requires a minimum of 49 upper division units to include:

Child and Family Development 335, 353A, 353B, 353C, 370, 375A, 375B, 375C, 537, 560, 575, 578, 590, 598, and one of the two specializations below:

- Child Development Specialist: Child and Family Development 377; 378A, 378B, or 378D; 380; 477; and 577.
- Family Development Specialist: Child and Family Development 378C, 378D, 536, and nine units selected with the approval of the program advisor.

## Additional Graduation Requirements

In order to graduate, all Child and Family Development majors are required to complete the equivalent of 3 units or 120 hours (minimum) in one of three study areas with the pre-approval and written consent of the undergraduate advisor. The three areas are:

- Study Abroad
- Research
- Community-Based Learning



## Work with an Advisor

Students need to work with the Undergraduate Advisor and/or Department Chair to make sure that they are meeting graduation requirements.

## Major Academic Plans (MAPs)

Visit <http://www.sdsu.edu/mymap> for the recommended courses needed to fulfill the major requirements.

## Family Life Certificate

The purpose of this certificate program is to prepare students for careers in family life education. The program is designed for individuals working on degrees in Child Development and Health Science. It also provides a self-improvement opportunity for people seeking employment or promotion. Ten areas of specialization are offered. In addition, internship hours are required. Contact the Undergraduate Advisor for more information.

## Child Development Minor

The minor in Child Development consists of a minimum of 19 units to include Child and Family Development 270, 270L, Psychology 101, and 12 upper division units selected from Child and Family Development courses. Contact the Undergraduate Advisor for more information.

