



Social and Behavioral Sciences Career and Academic Pathways (CAPs) Program Map: Skills Certificate for Children with Special Needs Emphasis

Total number of units: 12 units

Top Code/Academic Plan:

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Semester 1	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	CH DEV 001	Child Growth and Development	3	Meets IGETC 4I, CSU D9 E.	Online sections available. 8-week option available. This course may have sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."
Program Course	CH DEV 002	Early Childhood: Principles and Practices	3	CSU Transferrable.	Online sections available. 8-week option available. This course may have sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."
Program Course	CH DEV 044	Early Intervention for Children with Special Needs	3	CSU Transferrable.	Online sections available. 8-week option available.
Program Course	CH DEV 045	Programs for Children with Special Needs	3	CSU Transferrable.	Online sections available. 8-week option available.

Total Units 12

Degree Path and Requirements:

This certificate includes all core courses, and is an opportunity to specialize while working toward an AA or AS-T degree in Child Development or Early Childhood Education.

We recommend pursuing the Associate Teacher 1 Certificate concurrently. Students can apply for certificates as soon as the necessary courses are completed.

Students can choose to take accelerated 8-week versions of most classes, and can complete 3 certificates in just 3 semesters— Associate Teacher 1, Infant and Toddler Emphasis, Children with Special Needs on their way to completing this program. Follow the plan below for the 3 in 3 options:

Semester 1: CH DEV 001, 002, 044, 045

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Semester 2: CH DEV 003 or 004, 030, 031, 062

Must complete 150 hours for Associate Teacher 1 Certificate.

Department Advising Notes:

DEGREE OPTIONS

AA Child Development

AS-T in Early Childhood Education

AA-T Elementary Teacher Education

AS-T Nutrition and Dietetics

SKILL CERTIFICATES

Associate Teacher: Teacher - Certification 1

Family Child Care Provider

Children with Special Needs Emphasis

CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT

Teacher - Certificate 2

Site Supervisor - Certificate 3

Infant/Toddler Emphasis
Gerontology/Health

Program Description

This certificate is best for specialization in working with children with special needs. Students who are interested in becoming specialty teachers or administrators are encouraged to complete these courses in their educational journey toward an Associates Degree.

Career and Transfer Opportunities

Visit the [Transfer Center](#) for transfer information, which varies based on transfer college. Make an appointment with a [counselor](#). Students can visit [Career and Job Services](#) for career counseling and further exploration. For additional resources, students pursuing a certificate can visit the [American Job Center of California](#) on ELAC main campus.

Some career options: Infant & Toddler Care, Special Needs Specialist, Applied Behavior Analysis, Policy Development, Child Advocacy, Grant Writing, Counseling, Foster Care and Adoption, Mental Health Services, Family Childcare Provider, Educational Television, Family Support Services.

Special Education Teachers, Preschool: Median Salary (CA) \$46,560

Special Education Teaching Assistants: Median Salary (CA) \$35,380

Special Education Teachers, Other: Median Salary (CA) \$62,980

Data according to O*Net Online 2019 Research.

Youtube Videos

[Child Development Administration Management](#)

[Careers in Child Development](#)

Program Map

A suggested sequence of classes to complete a degree, certificate, or program of study. Students should consult an academic counselor for variations to this plan based on part-time or full-time status, transfer plans, pre-requisites needed, etc.

Prerequisite Course

A specific course that must be completed before advancing to the next course.

Check the online catalog at elac.edu for the latest and most accurate information.

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