

Palo Verde College

Program Outline Report

Program Basics

Program Title:	Child Development Associate of Science
Program Status:	Active from 2026-2027 Fall (2026FA)
Department:	Child Development
Award Type:	A.S. Degree Major (Credit)
Program/Catalog Description	The Child Development program is designed for students who are interested in working with young children as preschool teachers, daycare providers, and/or other child development careers. The Child Development program provides students with a background of knowledge and skills in child growth and development.
Control Number:	04452
Credential ID:	No value
Transferability:	No value
(SP01) Program TOP Code:	1305.00
(SP01) Program TOP Code:	Child Development/Early Care and Education
(SP02) Student Program Award:	Associate of Science (A.S.) degree
Maximum Credits:	71
Minimum Credits:	67
Curriculum Committee Approval Date:	12/11/2025
Board of Trustees Approval Date:	01/13/2026
External Review Approval Date:	01/13/2026

Proposal Details

Proposal Start:	2026-2027 Fall (2026FA)
What changes have been made to the program:	Although similar programs are offered at other colleges in the region, these campuses are a minimum of two-hours' drive from our campuses. Palo Verde College is located in Blythe, CA, with a satellite campus in Needles, CA; both communities are small, rural towns situated in the desert region on the Eastern edge of California.
Program Justification:	No value

Submission Rationale

No value

Program Requirements

Child Development Associate of Science (Total 67-71)**Complete all of the following****Required Core Courses (Total 27)****Complete the following number of credits: 27**

CDEVC1000 - Child Growth and Development	3
CHD102 - Child, Family and Community	3
CHD103 - Introduction to Curriculum	3
CHD104 - Principles and Practices of Teaching Young Children	3
CHD105 - Observation and Assessment	3
CHD106 - Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
CHD107 - Teaching in a Diverse Society	3
CHD108 - Practicum-Field Experience	3
CHD145 - Child Abuse and Neglect	3

Child Development Electives – (Choose a minimum of 6 units from the list below) (Total 6)**Complete the following number of credits: 6**

CHD111 - Preparation in Education	3
CHD130 - Art for Early Childhood	3
CHD131 - Music for Early Childhood	3
CHD135 - Literacy for Early Childhood	3
CHD215 - Administration I: Programs in Early Childhood Education	3
CHD216 - Administration II: Personnel/Leadership in Early Childhood Education	3
CHD205 - Adult Supervision: Mentoring in a Collaborative Learning Setting	3
CHD220 - Infant and Toddler Development	3
CHD221 - Care and Education for Infants and Toddlers	3
CHD232 - Science and Technology in Early Childhood Education	3
CHD231 - Math and Engineering in Early Childhood Education	3
CHD250 - Introduction to Children with Special Needs	3
CHD251 - Curriculum and Strategies for Children with Special Needs	3

CalGETC: Transfer General Education Requirements	34-38
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Recommended Sequences

No value

Program Outcomes**Child Development Associate of Science**

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Performance

1. Acquired fundamental grounding in communications, science, mathematics, humanities, the social sciences and self-development in preparation for an occupation, and possible transfer to a four-year institution. 70

2. Acquired knowledge and skill in the professional care of children. 70

Program Narrative

Narrative Item 1. Program Goals and Objectives

The Child Development program is designed for students who are interested in working with young children as preschool teachers, daycare providers, and/or other child development careers. The Child Development program provides students with a background of knowledge and skills in child growth and development.

Narrative Item 2. Catalog Description

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Narrative Item 3. Program Requirements**CHILD DEVELOPMENT A.S. DEGREE**

A minimum of twenty-seven (33) units is required for the program.

Core Courses	Title	Units
CDEV C1000	Child Growth and Development	3
CHD 102	Child, Family, and the Community	3
CHD 103	Introduction to Curriculum	3
CHD 104	Principles and Practices of Teaching Young Children	3
CHD 105	Observation and Assessment	3
CHD 106	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
CHD 107	Teaching in a Diverse Society	3
◇CHD 108	Practicum – Field Experience	3
CHD 145	Child Abuse & Neglect	3
Child Development Electives – (Choose a minimum of 6 units from the list below)		
CHD 130	Art for Early Childhood	3
CHD 111	Preparation in Education	3
CHD 131	Music for Early Childhood	3
CHD 135	Literature for Early Childhood	3
CHD 220	Infants and Toddlers Development	3
CHD 221	Care and Education for Infants and Toddlers	3
CHD 205	Adult Supervision	3
CHD 215	Administration I: Programs in Early Childhood Education	3
CHD 216	Administration II: Personnel/ Leadership in Early Childhood Education	3
CHD 230	Science and Technology in Early Childhood Education	3
CHD 231	Math and Engineering in Early Childhood Education	3
CHD 250	Introduction to Children with Special Needs	3
CHD 251	Curriculum and Strategies for Children with Special Needs	3

Total Required Units 33

In addition to the Core Courses required for the A.S. Degree in Child Development, students will also be required to meet the Associate Degree Requirements.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT A.S. DEGREE SUMMARY TABLE	
Total Required Major	27
College GE Requirements	34-38
Electives (if needed)	7-9
TOTAL UNITS:	67-71

Proposed Course Sequence: AS Degree in Child Development

Term	Course	Units	Major	GE
1	GE Course	3-4		x
1	GE Course	3		x
1	CDEV C1000 Child Growth and Development	3	x	
1	CHD 102 Child, Family and the Community	3	x	
1	CHD 103 Introduction to Curriculum	3	x	
TERM 1 TOTAL UNITS		15-16		
2	GE Course	3		x
2	GE Course	3		x
2	GE Course	3		x
2	GE Course	3		x
2	CHD 104 Prin and Prac of Teaching Young Children	3	x	
TERM 2 TOTAL UNITS		15		
3	GE Course	3-4		x

3	GE Course	3		x
3	CHD 105 Observation and Assessment	3	x	
3	CHD 106 Health, Safety and Nutrition	3	x	
3	CHD 107 Teaching in a Diverse Society	3	x	
TERM 3 TOTAL UNITS		15-16		
4	CHD 108 Practicum—Field Experience	3	x	
4	Electives	9	x	x
4	CHD 145	3	x	
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4				
TERM 4 TOTAL UNITS		15		

Narrative Item 4. Master Planning (Not needed for Certificates of Career Preparation)

This degree provides opportunities for personal and professional growth to a unique group of learners within the communities served by Palo Verde College. Students completing this degree have successfully developed capabilities and insights needed to serve their communities as Early Childhood Educators.

Narrative Item 5. Enrollment and Completer Projections (Not needed for Certificates of Career Preparation)

It is estimated that eight students per year will complete this degree.

Narrative Item 6. Place of Program in Curriculum/Similar Programs (Not needed for Certificates of Career Preparation)

It is estimated that eight students per year will complete this degree.

Narrative Item 7. Similar Programs at Other Colleges in Service Area (Not needed for Certificates of Career Preparation)

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LMI and Analysis

attached

Advisory Committee Recommendations (Not needed for Certificates of Career Preparation)

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Regional Consortia Recommendations (Not needed for Certificates of Career Preparation)

attached