

CHILD DEVELOPMENT: SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSISTANT

The Child Development and Educational Studies Department is committed to enhancing the quality of life for students, children and families throughout the life span. Embracing the diversity each student brings, the Department strives to empower individual learners through personal and professional growth. This department provides general and vocational education at the lower division level.

Associate in Arts Degrees

- Child Development: Special Education Assistant - Associate in Arts (<https://lbcc-public.courseleaf.com/degrees-certificates/child-development-special-education-assistant/child-development-special-education-assistant-aa/>)

Certificates of Achievement

- Child Development: Special Education Assistant - Certificate of Achievement (<https://lbcc-public.courseleaf.com/degrees-certificates/child-development-special-education-assistant/child-development-special-education-assistant-certificate-achievement/>)

CDESED 5 3 units

Community Resources/Special Education

54 hours lecture

Recommended Preparation: CDECE 67 and CDECE 45 or CDECE 47.

Grading: letter grade or pass/no pass.

This course covers community resources that identify, support, and enhance the lives of children and families with special needs. Agencies concerned with the health, education, and welfare of children and families with special needs are studied in depth along with the influence of culture and family structures on student outcome.

Transferable to CSU Only

CDESED 67 3 units

Intro to Children with Special Needs

54 hours lecture

Grading: letter grade or pass/no pass.

This is a survey course that introduces the spectrum in development of children with special needs ages birth through eight and the resulting impact on families. This course includes an overview of historical and societal influences, laws relating to children with special needs, early intervention as well as the identification and referral process.

Transferable to CSU Only

CDESED 69 3 units

Special Education Practicum

36 hours lecture, 54 hours laboratory

Prerequisite: CDESED 67, 5, 70 and CDECE 45 or 47 and instructor approval, proof of current state mandated immunizations, negative TB status, and fingerprint clearance are required to participate.

Grading: letter grade.

Students will plan, prepare, execute and evaluate various experiences with individuals with special needs in schools and agencies in the greater Long Beach area. Students will learn specific techniques of working with children, adults, parents and staff to provide an appropriate experience for the individual with special needs. There are 54 lab hours required for this course. Proof of current state mandated immunizations and negative TB status and fingerprint clearance are required to participate. Instructor approval required. According to SB 792, effective September 1, 2016, a person may not be employed or volunteer at a child care center or family child care home unless he or she has been immunized against influenza, pertussis, and measles (Health and Safety Code sections 1596, 7995 (a) (2)).

Transferable to CSU Only

CDESED 70 3 units

Curriculum for Special Needs

54 hours lecture

Grading: letter grade.

This course covers curriculum and intervention strategies for working with children with special needs in partnership with their families. Focuses on the use of observation and assessment in meeting the individualized needs of children in inclusive and natural environments. Includes the role of the teacher as a professional working with families, collaboration with interdisciplinary teams, and cultural competence.

Transferable to CSU Only