

WHY CHOOSE THIS CAREER PATHWAY?

Help change the world by contributing to the physical, cognitive, and emotional growth of children who are our future. The Child Development program at Cuyamaca College will help open the doors to a profession that promises to be in demand for years to come. Students in this sought-after program learn the latest about the pedagogy and importance of a solid educational foundation for infants and toddlers, preparing them for employment as teachers, directors, and aides in preschool and childcare centers. Our Child Development program includes opportunities to observe and participate in the Cuyamaca Child Development Center, which serves children of students, faculty, staff, and the community.

Our graduates find emotionally rewarding jobs at an array of child and infant care centers, while others have successfully opened their own home-based centers.



ABOUT CAREER EDUCATION

The Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District offers scores of career education programs in a wide spectrum of areas such as business office technology, web design, culinary arts and more. Classes cost just \$46 per unit, and many programs may lead to employment as quickly as within a year.

Projections through 2025 indicate a need for 1.5 million workers with some postsecondary education (but less than a bachelor's degree). Career education is vital to bridging this gap because it provides a pathway to good-paying jobs and supplies the hands-on, practical training employers demand.

So what are you waiting for?

For more information about career education programs at Grossmont and Cuyamaca colleges, visit the web at Grossmont.edu/career-education or Cuyamaca.edu/career-education.

QUESTIONS?

Interested in learning more about the Child Development Program at Cuyamaca College?



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CHILD DEVELOPMENT

CAREER EDUCATION AT CUYAMACA COLLEGE



ABOUT CHILD DEVELOPMENT

The Child Development program at Cuyamaca College incorporates emerging research with practical skills and a state-of-the-art child care center in preparing graduates to find jobs in early education and infant-care programs throughout the region. Our students gain an understanding of the physical and cognitive growth of children that is essential for maximizing their potential. The Child Development Center on our campus serves as the primary component of our Child Development program, though the true strength of our program is in its diverse and experienced faculty.

MODEL FACILITY

The center serves as a campus-based child development lab school, providing both learning and/or observation opportunities for students enrolled in child development courses and childcare services to campus and community families. Providing demonstration classrooms to the college community, our program offers a model of best practice in early childhood education while providing students on-floor interactions with young children and their families.

AVAILABLE CAREER PATHS IN THIS PATHWAY

- Infant/Toddler Teacher
- Family Child Care
- Before & After School Care
- Cruise Ship Child Care
- Preschool Director
- Recreation Leader
- Special Education Assistant



DEGREES & CERTIFICATES IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Degrees:

- Early Childhood Education-Associate Degree for Transfer
- Child Development: Preschool
- Child Development: Infant-Toddler

Certificates of Achievement:

- Child Development: Preschool
- Child Development: Infant-Toddler

Certificates of Specialization:

- Administration
- Early Childhood Intervention

WHAT YOU CAN EARN

Childcare workers in San Diego County are earning an average salary of more than \$27,000 annually. Administrators at preschools and childcare centers are earning an average salary of approximately \$53,000 annually.



HOW TO APPLY AND ENROLL

- Find class schedules and links to apply at gcccd.edu/now
- Log into **WebAdvisor** and register for classes
- Pay fees and **attend your classes!**

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

"The knowledge and skills I received in Cuyamaca Colleges' Child Development program prepared me for my career and gave me a love of lifelong learning. Instructors want you to succeed and work diligently to ensure you are growing as a teacher. With the new partnership with Point Loma Nazarene, the transition is seamless."
-Natalija Worrell

