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The early childhood education profession benefits young children and their families.

Early childhood education is essential to provide high-quality services in care, social aspect, mental health and special needs, to children and families.

This major offers a Proficiency Award in Child Development with four licensure permit levels: Associate Teacher, Teacher, Master Teacher and Site Supervisor. The program also offers one specialization in Infants/Toddlers. This major can lead to a BA in Child Development with options in: Early Childhood Education, Mental Health, Special Education, Social Work, and many other fields involving families and children.



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THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AT OXNARD COLLEGE

The Oxnard College Child Development Program embraces the diversity of the community as it provides an excellent and unique educational experience for individuals who are seeking a career in educating young children. The Child Development Program at Oxnard College is committed to quality instruction that is based on ethical standards of behavior as well as emphasizing respect for the dignity, worth, character, code of conduct, and uniqueness of each college student, each faculty member, each child and each family.

*While we try to teach our children
all about life, our children teach us
what life is all about.*

~Angela Schwindt

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The curriculum focuses on theoretical foundations as well as practical applications, providing students with a competent and eclectic perspective of their future professional, educational, and vocational endeavors.

Child Development students may complete the following objectives:

- To attain a Child Development Teacher
- To become a Mentor Teacher or Mentor Director.
- To transfer to an upper division program at a four-year institution.
- To complete various levels of the California Child Development Matrix Permit including areas of specialization: Infant/Toddler, Special Needs, Bilingual/Bicultural, and Administration.

The Child Development Program is comprised of a multi-cultural, multi-racial, multi-lingual faculty and seeks to prepare a multi-cultural, multi-racial, and multi-lingual professional workforce.



STUDENT OBSERVATION & TEACHING SITE:

The Child Development faculty works closely with the Oxnard College Child Development Center staff to promote cooperation. The Child Development Center, located on the college campus, provides a laboratory in which college students, as future early childhood educators, can learn and prepare to work with young children from toddlerhood to school age. In addition, the Child Development Program utilizes selected Mentor Teacher sites in the Community to further expand the learning opportunities and experiences for college students. Placement of student teachers is based on professional goals and individual demands of students:

- *Oxnard College Child Development Center offers several options ranging from age of children served, times including morning and afternoon and days of the week (Monday-Friday).*
- *The Oxnard College has 10 to 12 active Mentor Teachers working in a variety of child development sites ranging from Employer-sponsored, Head Start, State Preschool, Community Non-profit, Child affiliated preschool center.*
- *Many other quality Child Development programs are used for observations or special projects.*

SPECIALIZATIONS

The California Early Childhood Mentor Teacher Program has a program at Oxnard College. Experienced preschool teachers can apply to serve and receive stipends from the State Department of Education. Mentor Teachers must be holding a Master Teacher Permit and submit an application that will be reviewed and approved by the Selection Committee.

Many Child Development programs in the community are regulated by Community Care Licensing. They follow Title XXII requirements for staff working in child development centers. Title XXII requires that centers serving infants and toddlers must hire teachers who have at least 6 units of Infant/Toddler. Oxnard College provides the necessary units to meet this demand.



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

With parents having increased need for child care has dramatically increased. This has resulted in an increased demand for a well-trained work force of early childhood educators. The students from Oxnard College find employment in a variety of program types including but not limited to:

- Non-profit and For-profit Child Development Centers.
- Federally Funded or State Funded Children's Programs
- Family Child Care
- Campus Child Care
- Migrant Education Programs
- Early Intervention Programs
- Employer-sponsored Programs Student Support
- Financial support through the Child Development Training Consortium (tuition reimbursement and permit fees).
- Financial support for students who are eligible for the CAREERS Project.
- Textbooks are available at the Oxnard Library reference desk.
- Child development tutors available to assist with homework and projects.
- Some courses are scheduled outside the campus to make it convenient for the students.