



What are Child Development Permits?

These permits authorize you to teach or supervise in a child development program. Child Development Permits are issued by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) and allow an individual to secure employment in an educational program for children funded with federal, state, county or local money. This includes school districts, Head Start, state preschool, before and after school care, and campus laboratory centers.

Want a CD Permit? You have to apply for them!

In order to get a Child Development Permit, you must apply for it through any of the two websites below. There are application fees, and the processing timeline is about 3-6 months.

Fees:

- Application Fee: \$100.00
- Live Scan/Fingerprints Fee (First-Time Applicant): Costs vary depending on the company you use.

Websites:

- **Child Development Training Consortium (CDTC)**
 - The CDTC has a stipend program that can help pay for the permit application fee for eligible applicants as long as there is funding. Once funding runs out, you will need to apply through the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) website.
 - Additionally, The CDTC can potentially help pay for up to half of your live scan/fingerprints cost!
 - To see if you qualify for the stipend, you will also need to complete the stipend application.
<https://www.childdevelopment.org/>
- Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) – <https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/req-child-dev>

Child Development Permit Core Courses

- CD 106:** Child Growth & Development
- CD 208:** Child, Family and Community
- CD 110:** Principles and Practices of Early Childhood Education
- CD 111:** Early Childhood Education Curriculum

Experience Requirements

Associate Teacher, Teacher, Master Teacher and Site Supervisor permits may require experience.

- Experience hours must be 3+ hours per day in an Early Childhood setting.
- *Please check Permit Matrix for specifics*

Program Director permit may require one program year of site supervisor experience.

General Education, Administration and Adult Supervision Courses

Please speak with a counselor for course options.

Need help applying for the permits? Contact the Counseling Center and request an appointment:

- Counselors: Angelica Martinez, Irene Vu or Troy Flores-Olsen
- Call (562) 908-3410, visit gorio.page/counseling-center, or stop by Student Services Building Room 160 (SS-160)

Child Development Permit Matrix - with Alternative Qualification Options Indicated

Permit Title	Education and Experience Requirements (Option 1 only: Both column requirements must be met)		Alternative Qualification Requirements (Options 2, 3, or 4)	Authorization	Five Year Renewal Requirement
Assistant (Optional)	Option 1: 6 units of Early Childhood Education (ECE) or Child Development (CD)	Option 1: None	Option 2: Accredited HERO program (including ROP)	Authorizes the holder to assist in the care, development and instruction of children in a child care and development program under the supervision of an Associate Teacher Permit holder or above.	105 hours of professional growth activities*****
Associate Teacher	Option 1: 12 units ECE/CD including core courses**	Option 1: 50 days of experience at 3+ hours per day within 2 years	Option 2: Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential. CDA Credential must be earned in California.	Authorizes the holder to provide service in the care, development and instruction of children in a child care and development program; and supervise an Aide or Assistant Permit holder.	Permit may only be renewed one time with additional 15 units. Must meet Teacher Permit requirements within 10 years.
Teacher	Option 1: 24 units ECE/CD including core courses** plus 16 General Education (GE) units*	Option 1: 175 days of experience at 3+ hours per day within 4 years	Option 2: AA or higher in ECE/CD or related field with 3 units supervised field experience in ECE/CD setting	Authorizes the holder to provide service in the care, development and instruction of children in a child care and development program; and supervise Aide or Permit holders above.	105 hours of professional growth activities*****
Master Teacher	Option 1: 24 units ECE/CD including core courses** plus 16 GE units* plus 6 specialization units plus 2 adult supervision units	Option 1: 350 days of experience at 3+ hours per day within 4 years	Option 2: BA or higher (does not have to be in ECE/CD) with 12 units of ECE/CD, plus 3 units supervised field experience in ECE/CD setting	Authorizes the holder to provide service in the care, development and instruction of children in a child care and development program; and supervise all above including Aide. Also authorizes the holder to serve as a coordinator of curriculum and staff development.	105 hours of professional growth activities*****
Site Supervisor	Option 1: AA (or 60 units) which includes: • 24 ECE/CD units with core courses** plus 6 administration units plus 2 adult supervision units	Option 1: 350 days of experience at 3+ hours per day within 4 years, including at least 100 days of supervising adults	Option 2: BA or higher (does not have to be in ECE/CD) with 12 units of ECE/CD, plus 3 units supervised field experience in ECE/CD setting; Or Option 3: Admin. credential *** with 12 units of ECE/CD, plus 3 units supervised field experience in ECE/CD setting; Or Option 4: Teaching credential**** with 12 units of ECE/CD, plus 3 units supervised field experience in ECE/CD setting	Authorizes the holder to supervise a child care and development program operating at a single site; provide service in the care, development and instruction of children in a child care and development program; and serve as coordinator of curriculum and staff development.	105 hours of professional growth activities*****
Program Director	Option 1: BA or higher (does not have to be in ECE/CD) including: • 24 ECE/CD units with core courses** plus 6 administration units plus 2 adult supervision units	Option 1: Site Supervisor status and one program year of Site Supervisor experience	Option 2: Admin. credential *** with 12 units of ECE/CD, plus 3 units supervised field experience in ECE/CD setting; Or Option 3: Teaching credential**** with 12 units of ECE/CD, plus 3 units supervised field experience in ECE/CD setting, plus 6 units administration; Or Option 4: Master's Degree in ECE/CD or Child/Human Development	Authorizes the holder to supervise a child care and development program operating in a single site or multiple-sites; provide service in the care, development and instruction of children in a child care and development program; and serve as coordinator of curriculum and staff development.	105 hours of professional growth activities*****

NOTE: All unit requirements listed are semester units. All course work must be degree applicable and completed with a grade of 'C' or better from a regionally accredited college or university.

- * GE Units: One course in each of the four general education categories: English/Language Arts; Math or Science; Social Sciences; Humanities and/or Fine Arts.
- ** Core Courses: One course in each of the following categories, Child/Human Growth & Development; Child/Family/Community or Child and Family Relations; and Programs/Curriculum. (All core course work must meet a minimum unit requirement of three semester units or four quarter units)
- *** Holders of the Administrative Services Credential may serve as a Site Supervisor or Program Director.
- **** A valid Multiple Subject or a Single Subject in Home Economics.
- ***** Professional growth hours must be completed under the guidance of a Professional Growth Advisor.

For more detailed information by the CA Commission on Teacher Credentialing, refer to Leaflet CL-797 at www.ctc.ca.gov.

This matrix was prepared by the Child Development Training Consortium. To obtain a permit application visit our website at www.childdevelopment.org.

Permit Matrix 2/2023

You can complete the coursework at Rio Hondo College for these 3 permits! Please speak with a counselor for correct course options.