

**Rio Hondo College  
Curriculum Committee**

<p style="text-align:center">New Program Certificate of Achievement</p>
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**Division/Department:** Behavioral and Social Science

**Subject Area:** Child Development/Education

**Title:** Child Development Specialization: Infant/Toddler

**Total Units:** 12

**Degree/Certificate Description:**

The following courses will prepare students to work with infants and toddlers by providing developmental information regarding this age group and techniques to facilitate and support the care and education of infants and toddlers.

**Purpose and Goals of Degree/Certificate:**

California State law for licensed children's centers which enroll infants/toddlers requires the administrator and staff to complete coursework focusing on infants and toddlers.

State funded ECE programs in California require teaching and administrative staff to hold a Child Development Permit. The Master Teacher Permit level requires students to select a specialization area and complete two courses in that area.

This Certificate of Achievement will prepare students with the basic information regarding the overall development of children and details regarding infant and toddler development along with the basic principles for the field and specifics of programming in infant and toddler classrooms.

**Specific Objectives of Degree/Certificate:**

This Certificate of Achievement will examine the unique development of infants and toddlers in comparison with the overall development of children.

This Certificate of Achievement will demonstrate how knowledge of the unique development of infants and toddlers is used to provide care and education for that age group within the context of the field of Early Childhood Education.

**Explain how the program is appropriate to the objectives of the community college and how it conforms to statewide master planning:**

This program will promote the holder's employment and career pathway opportunities in the field of Early Childhood Education.

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<p><b>CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT 12 UNITS OR MORE</b></p>
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Division/Department: Child Development/Education

Subject Area: Child Development

Certificate of Achievement Title: Child Development Specialization: Infant/Toddler

\*Number of Units Required for Certificate: 12

Please list courses for certificate below:

Course Prefix and Number	Title of Course	Units
CD 106	Child Growth and Development	3
CD 110	Principles and Practices of Early Childhood Education	3
CD 211	Infant and Toddler Development	3
CD 213	Care and Education for Infants and Toddlers	3
<b>T O T A L U N I T S</b>		<b>12</b>
(Must be 12 Units or more)		

\*Certificate of Achievement must be approved by the Chancellor's Office\*

## Justification Questions

How has the college established a need for the proposed degree or certificate? Report on the following questions as appropriate.

- 1. Report interdistrict attendance agreements, actions and comments of area or regional councils, inter or intra district advisory groups, advisory committees or similar bodies testifying to the need for the program. (Attach minutes of the appropriate meetings.)**

Los Angeles County Data project that by 2021 there will be a 5 % increase in employment for workers in Early Childhood Education and Care Programs. This increase is higher than any other Education sector except Special Education. (Employment Development Department, Labor Market Information Division 11/166)

- 2. Show summary results of job market analysis, surveys or other evidence of employment possibilities for graduates of the proposed program (for CTE Programs only).**

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Programs that provide services for Infants and Toddlers require all of their teaching staff to prove infant toddler coursework in order to offer the most flexibility in class assignments.

- 3. What are the indications of student interest in the proposed program and how were they determined (for CTE Programs only)?**

CD 211 Infant and Toddler Development is offered each semester with full enrollment.

CD 213 Care and Education for Infants and Toddlers, is offered once a year with full enrollment.

- 4. Describe service to other disciplines which this proposed program will provide .**

The Infant Toddler Specialization can be beneficial to Elementary Teacher Education Pathways as it increases their employability in Public School Districts.

What is the approximate cost to adopt this program? no cost increase anticipated

1. Will its adoption require that Rio Hondo College employ additional staff? Yes [ ] No [ x ]
2. Will its adoption require additional equipment, materials or modifications of facilities? Yes [ ] No [ x ]
3. How many sections will be offered? no increase proposed
4. Will they be offered in lieu of existing sections of another course? Yes [ ] No [ x ]
4. Will this course increase the hours of instruction in The department? Yes [ ] No [ x ]
5. Will the total number of students to be served by the College be increased by adopting this course? Yes [ ] No [ x ]

If yes, how many?

**Signatures:**

Approve

Disapprove

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(Division Dean)

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(Date)

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**Which Instructors in the Subject Area Endorse This Proposal?**

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(Curriculum Committee Member)