

CHILD DEVELOPMENT: SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSISTANT

LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE Curriculum Guide for Academic Year 2008- 2009 Certificate of Achievement and/or Associate in Arts

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For possible updates to this guide please refer to the following website: <http://osca.lbcc.edu>

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Students prepare to work as an assistant with children who have special needs.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: Teacher Assistant in School Districts, Residential Care Centers, Department of Rehabilitation, Private Agencies (salary depends upon experience, education, and nature of position).

DEPARTMENTAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

None. For more departmental information call (562) 938-4549.

REQUIRED COURSES

		DS Number↕	UNITS	In Progress	Completed Grade
CDECE 47	Human Development (F, SP)	DS 1	3		
CDECE 59	Guiding Young Children (F, SP)	DS 3	3		
CDESED 5	Community Resources for Special Education (F)	DS 3	3		
CDESED 67	The Exceptional Child (F, SP)	DS 3	3		
CDESED 70	Teaching Exceptional Students (SP)	DS 3	3		
† CDESED 69	Special Education Practicum (F, SP)	DS 3	3		
COMDI 2A-B	American Sign Language (Beg.)(1 semester required)		3		
Subtotal Units			21		

Select SIX (6) units from the following:

CDECE 19	Health, Safety, and Nutrition (F, SP)	DS 7	3		
CDECE 61	Teaching in a Diverse Society (F,SP)	DS 3	3		
CDECE 72AD or 73AD	Work Experience (Not to exceed 4 units)		3 or 4		
Φ COMDI 2B	American Sign Language, Beginning		3		
† COMDI 3A-B	American Sign Language, Intermediate		3		
Subtotal Units			6		
TOTAL UNITS			27		

(15 of the 27 required units must be taken at Long Beach City College.)

Recommended: A valid Red Cross First Aid Certificate

LEGEND

† This course has a prerequisite; prerequisite courses must be completed with at least a "C" or "CR" grade (see catalog or schedule of classes).

↕ DS IS- A special numbering system that identifies the classification of community college courses for use by the Department of Social Services (Title 22):

- DS 1: Child/Growth and Development
- DS 3: Program/Curriculum (includes Practicum and Guidance)
- DS 7: health and Safety

Φ Course cannot be used as an elective if counted under required units.

(SP = Spring) (S = Summer) (F = Fall) (INF = Infrequently) = Represents general frequency of course offering

In general, "double-counting" is not allowed. That is, one course may not be used to fulfill both a field of concentration requirement and to fulfill a general education requirement.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

For CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT:

This certificate is a one to two year program in occupational/technical areas at Long Beach City College which provides training in job skills and employment opportunities. Complete the required units with a minimum grade of "C" in each course. Fifty percent (50%) or more of the unit requirements for this field of concentration must be completed in residence (credit earned by exam, where applicable, may be included). To qualify for the Certificate of Achievement students are required to fulfill the same reading and writing proficiencies as required of the associate degree. See current general education guide for specific criteria.

For ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE:

The Associate Degree is a two-year college degree awarded by Long Beach City College which includes general education courses and a major. In addition to the requirements for the Certificate of Achievement, complete the A. A. degree requirements specified in the catalog. The requirements for general education/proficiency and the field of concentration need to be from the same catalog year. This catalog year may be any year between the year of initial enrollment to the present, provided continuous enrollment is maintained throughout (see the catalog for definition of "continuous enrollment"). Fifty percent (50%) or more of the unit requirements for this field of concentration must be completed in residence (credit earned by exam, where applicable, may be included).

NOTE: To receive a certificate or degree you must submit completed application forms in the Admissions and Records Office during your final semester of course work.

SUGGESTED SEQUENCE OF COURSES
This is not an educational plan, as course offerings, student schedules, and circumstances vary. Students must meet all the prerequisites in order to be eligible for the sequence of courses.

A suggested full-time sample sequence of courses for the required 60 units to reach an Associate Degree includes:

First Semester

CDECE 47	3 Units
COMDI 2AB	3
CDECE 67	3
G.E. Course	3-6
Semester Total	12-15 Units

Second Semester

CDSA 5	3 Units
CDECE options	3
CDECE options	3
G.E. Course	3-6
Semester Total	12-15 Units

Third Semester

CDECE 59	3 Units
CDSER 70	3
CDECE options	3
G.E. Course	3-6
Semester Total	12-15 units

Fourth Semester

CDSER 69	3 Units
G.E. Course	3
G.E. Course	4
G.E. Course	3-5
Semester Total	13-15 Units

Students interested in transferring to a university to continue their study in this field of concentration or other majors are strongly advised to consult an LBCC academic counselor and refer to the ASSIST website (www.assist.org) for major preparation information. Counselors can clarify the different major and admissions requirements at a university. Students may visit the Student Success/Transfer Services Center to access further educational resources. To set up an appointment to see a counselor or schedule the SOAR Test, call LAC (562)938-4561 or PCC (562)938-3920.