

## California Child Development Permits

### What is a Child Development Permit?

A permit issued by the California Department of Education that allows an individual to secure employment in a children's educational program funded with federal, state, county or local moneys.

### What are the requirements to apply for a Child Development Permit?

Applicants must complete a set of specific state required college level Child Development courses\* along with other applicable college level Child Development courses. Some permits require college degrees. All but one Permit requires experience working with children.

### When should I apply for a Child Development Permit?

The answer to this question depends on your academic goals and how soon you would like to work.

- If you want to work right away with the minimum amount of education and no experience working with children apply for the Assistant Teacher permit.
- If you have worked with children and plan to complete all of the state required courses apply for the Associate Teacher permit.
- If you have worked with children and have completed a general Child Development Certificate of Achievement along with 16 General Education units required by the state\*\* apply for the Teacher Permit.
- If your goal is to earn an Associate Degree in Child Development and you plan to take CD 228 Early Childhood Education Practicum when completed this course of study fulfills the requirements to apply for a Teacher Permit.
- If you have worked with children, have a Child Development Certificate of Achievement plus 2 classes focusing on the same Child Development focus area plus CD 210 Adult Supervision plus 16 General Education units apply for the Master Teacher Permit.

### How do I apply when I have met the qualifications?

There are several approaches that you could use.

- You can apply independently by visiting <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl797.pdf> to secure instructions and application forms.
- You can make an appointment with the Perkins funded Child Development Department counselor for assistance located in the Social Science Division Office. This allows you to participate in the Verification Program. This program gives your application priority status (because our Rio Hondo courses have been preapproved as long as designated Child Development Faculty verifies the courses) and you **receive your permit in half the time.**

What is required in addition to the application forms?

Official transcripts in a sealed envelope.

A new LiveScan that includes Department of Justice and FBI clearance (form is available on the website along with the application forms) sent directly to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

What if I can't afford the application fees?

The Child Development Training Consortium offer programs that may process and submit your Permit application, pay your application fee and reimburse \$54 of the LiveScan fee with receipt. See a Child Development Department counselor for more information.

\*State required Child Development courses are CD 106 Child Growth and Development, CD 110 Principles and Practices of Early Childhood Education, CD 111 Early Childhood Education Curriculum and CD 208 Child, Family and Community.

\*\*One course in each of four general education categories, which are degree applicable: English/Language Arts; Math or Science; Social Sciences; Humanities and/or Fine Arts.