



# CHILD DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSISTANT

Curriculum Guide for Academic Year 2021-2022

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Students planning to **transfer** to a four-year college or university should refer to the ASSIST web site at [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org) and **consult a counselor** before beginning a program of study. Please call (562) 938-4561 for the LAC, or (562) 938-3920 for PCC to schedule a meeting with a counselor. Students may also wish to visit the Transfer Center on either campus.

**Program of study leading to:  
Associate in Arts (A.A.) Degree**

<u>REQUIRED COURSES</u>	DS Number	UNITS	In Progress	Completed Grade
CDECE 47	Human Development	DS 1	3	
CDECE 59	Guiding Young Children	DS 3	3	
CDESED 5	Community Resources/Special Education		3	
CDESED 67	Introduction to Children with Special Needs		3	
CDESED 70	Curriculum for Special Needs		3	
CDESED 69	Special Education Practicum		3	
ASL 1	American Sign Language 1		4	
<b>Subtotal Units</b>		<b>22</b>		
<b><u>IN ADDITION, complete SIX (6) UNITS from the following courses:</u></b>				
CDECE 19	Health, Safety, and Nutrition	DS 7	3	
CDECE 61	Teaching in a Diverse Society	DS 3	3	
ASL 2	American Sign Language 2		4	
ASL 3	American Sign Language 3		4	
ASL 4	American Sign Language 4		4	
<b>Subtotal Units</b>		<b>6</b>		
<b>TOTAL UNITS</b>		<b>28</b>		

For graduation with an **Associate in Arts (A.A.) Degree with a major in Child Development: Special Education Assistant:**

- Minimum Unit Requirements:** §Any course that appears on a curriculum guide and the General Education Pattern (Plan A) may fulfill both major and general education requirements (Approved by College Curriculum Committee Spring 2012). For this degree, complete a minimum of 60 units in courses numbered 1-599. Please note that additional elective units may be required to meet this minimum based upon courses selected to fulfill General Education for the Associate Degree.
 

<b>CD-Special Ed Asst. Major</b>	28 units
<b>General Education/A.A. §</b>	25 units
- Scholarship:** Maintain an **overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0** (average) based on all accredited college work applied to the degree, no matter where completed. For this **field of concentration, complete each course above with a grade of "C" or better**
- Residence for the Degree:** Complete at least 12 semester units of the required 60 semester units in residence at Long Beach City College in order for the college to grant an Associate of Arts and/or an Associate of Science Degree.
- Residence for the Field of Concentration:** Complete fifty percent (50%) or more of the unit requirements for this field of concentration in residence; this means at **least 14 units** of the required 28 must be **completed at Long Beach City College**. Credit earned by exam, where applicable, may be included.

**Associate Degree requirements continue on the following page.**



## **Career Opportunities**

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

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

## **Program Mission and Outcomes**

The Child and Adult Development Department at Long Beach City College is committed to enhancing the quality of life for students, children and families throughout the life span. Embracing the diversity each student brings, the Department strives to empower individual learners through personal and professional growth. This department provides general and vocational education at the lower division level.

Outcomes:

Students who complete this program of study will be able to:

Design, implement, and evaluate environments and activities that support optimum developmental play and learning activities in an inclusive e