

## WHY CHOOSE THIS CAREER PATHWAY?

Help change the world by contributing to the physical, cognitive, and emotional growth of children. The Child Development program at Grossmont College will help open the doors to a profession that promises to be in demand now and in the future. Students in this sought-after program learn the latest about developmentally appropriate and culturally sensitive curriculum.

Taking care of children during their early, formative years is one of the most fulfilling careers available and our graduates find emotionally rewarding jobs at an array of child and infant care centers, while others have successfully opened their own home-based centers.



## ABOUT CAREER EDUCATION

The Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District offers scores of career education programs in a wide variety of areas such as business office technology, web design, culinary arts and more. Classes are just \$46 per unit, and many programs can be completed in as little as a year.

Projections call for a likely shortage of 1.5 million workers by 2025 with some postsecondary education but less than a bachelor's degree, and career education is a vital component in filling that gap as it provides an accessible pathway to good-paying jobs and offers the kind of hands-on, practical training that employers demand. So what are you waiting for?

## QUESTIONS?

Interested in learning more about the Child Development and Family Studies Program at Grossmont College?

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# CHILD DEVELOPMENT

CAREER EDUCATION AT GROSSMONT COLLEGE



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## ABOUT

### CHILD DEVELOPMENT & FAMILY STUDIES

The program offers the opportunity to learn about developmentally appropriate education and services for young children. It emphasizes curriculum planning for children from infancy through school age, guidance techniques, special needs of children and families, art and creative learning, STEAM and health and safety education, administration of child development programs and current issues in the field.

The Child Development department philosophy is based upon a set of strongly held beliefs:

- Children's development is enhanced by establishing a partnership with the home, school and community.
- Children learn best through play in a positive atmosphere designed to foster self-esteem.
- Children are unique and thrive in an environment that values diversity and integrates the social, emotional, cognitive, creative and physical aspects of development.

The courses are designed for early childhood teachers, aides, administrators, childcare professionals of all kinds, parents, nurses, or any persona interacting with young children.

## AVAILABLE

### CAREER PATHS IN THIS PATHWAY

- Infant/Toddler Teacher
- Family Child Care
- Before & After School Care
- Preschool Director
- Recreation Leader
- Special Education Assistant
- Child Abuse Shelter Care



## WHAT

### YOU CAN EARN

Wages vary, but childcare workers in San Diego County are earning an average salary of more than \$27,000 annually. Administrators at preschools and childcare centers are earning an average salary of approximately \$53,000 annually.



## DEGREES & CERTIFICATES

### IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT & FAMILY STUDIES

- Associate Degree
- Associate Teacher (Certificate of Proficiency)
- Child Development Master Teacher
- Child Development Site Supervisor

## WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

"Taking the Child Development classes at Grossmont College sparked a passion for working with young children. The hands-on experience I gained was key to obtaining a university degree and now working as a lead teacher at Grossmont College's Child Development Center." -Cristal Arevalo

## HOW

### TO APPLY AND ENROLL



Find class schedules and links to apply at [gcccd.edu/now](http://gcccd.edu/now)



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Pay fees and **attend your classes!**