

Some of the Many Possible Careers you could choose with a B.S. Degree in Child Development

The Bachelor's of Science degree in Child Development (CD) can serve as the basis for diverse professional careers, credentialing programs, and advanced degrees. Some of the careers listed require additional training after completing the baccalaureate program in Child Development.

CAREERS	SETTINGS	PREPARATION
<u>Education:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aide, Assistant/Associate Teacher • Teacher (PK-12) • Special Education Teacher • Administrator /Director/Principal • Parent Educator • Adult Educator / Professor • Youth Sports Coach • Camp Director 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childcare settings • Prevention /Intervention/Community Service Programs • Headstart Programs • Community Service Programs • Church/Non-profit organizations • Public & private K–12 /Colleges/Universities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College level CD units • CD degree + work experience; permits/credentials as required by state, e.g., CBEST test see: https://www.ctc.ca.gov/ • Master's/Doctoral degree, e.g.: Developmental/Clinical Psychology; Educational Administration; Social Work
<u>Business/Administration</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Care Center Owner • Store owner: e.g., toys, books • Director/Administrator/COO/CEO • Market Researcher • Designer/Consultant/Editor • Management /Advertising/Public Relations (PR)/Sales 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childcare center; • Retail sale of child related products • Adoption agency • Manufacturing companies, e.g., toys, clothing, furniture, playground equipment • Media (news, magazines, radio, TV); Publishers • Non-profit/government organizations 	CD Degree with units in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business • English • + experience in business/media/PR settings
<u>Social/Community Services</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Welfare Specialist/Consultant • Outreach specialist • Planner/Coordinator of Youth Recreation programs • Educator/Counselor/Administrator • Day care licensing evaluator • Social Worker (SW)/Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) • Librarian/Museum Specialist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Agencies/Group Homes; Shelters; Hotlines • Department of Parks & Recreation; Youth groups: e.g., YMCA, Boy/Girl Scouts • Child Care Licensing Agency • Child Protective Services; Foster care • Church/Non-profit organizations • Schools/School Districts • Children's Museums/Libraries 	CD degree + units or Master's degree in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sociology/Counseling • Master's degree in SW • Master's degree in LCSW
<u>Medical/Psychological/Research</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Life Specialist (CLS) • Pre/post natal care instructor • Therapist, e.g., physical, speech, music/art • Pediatric Nursing • Pediatric Nutritionist • Project Manager/Researcher • Program Evaluator • Child Psychologist/Psychiatrist/Pediatrician 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Care Providers: Clinics, Hospitals; Hotlines • Health & Wellness Agencies • Private Practice • University/Government based research/evaluation settings • Government /Non-profit agencies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CD degree with Child Life Specialization • B.A. in Nursing with CD units • B.A./B.S. degree in physical/speech, music therapy + CD units • Master's degree, e.g., SW/ LCSW • Counseling (MFT) • MD with training in CD
<u>Family Law/Criminology</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Court appointed child advocate • Youth guidance counselor/probation officer • Family Evaluator • Administrator • Attorney/Judge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Juvenile/Family court • Detention centers • Private practice 	CD degree +: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master's/Doctoral degree in counseling • Doctoral degree in law (JD)
<u>Advocacy</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraiser/Event planner • Child Advocate /Lobbyist for legislation impacting children; Grant writer; Government official: e.g., Local government 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church/Non-profit organizations • Government organizations • Congress 	CD degree +: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business/SW/LCSW/JD/Ph.D. degrees + experience