



WHAT IS CHILD DEVELOPMENT?

Child Development refers to the study of children's bodies, emotions, social skills, and intelligence to allow students to plan and design services and learning environments for young children. This major is designed for students who wish to study children and the major family, cultural, peer, school, and neighborhood contexts in which they live. Students are provided with a strong background in the social and behavioral sciences related to child development and focus on the scientific study of children and how they develop.

INTERESTS

(THINGS YOU LIKE TO DO)

- Assisting and caring for others
• Teaching others
• Coordinating activities for others
• Coaching and developing others
• Working closely with others
• Thinking creatively
• Tutoring

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SKILLS

(THINGS YOU WILL LEARN & USE)

- Active listening
• Teamwork
• Attention to detail
• Instructing
• Critical thinking
• Social perceptiveness
• Monitoring
• Learning strategies
• Reading comprehension
• Judgement and decision making

LAVC DEGREES & CERTIFICATES OFFERED

The Child Development Department at Los Angeles Valley College's goal is to prepare students with the practical experience necessary to become expert members of the early childhood workforce. LAVC offers the following degrees and certificates:

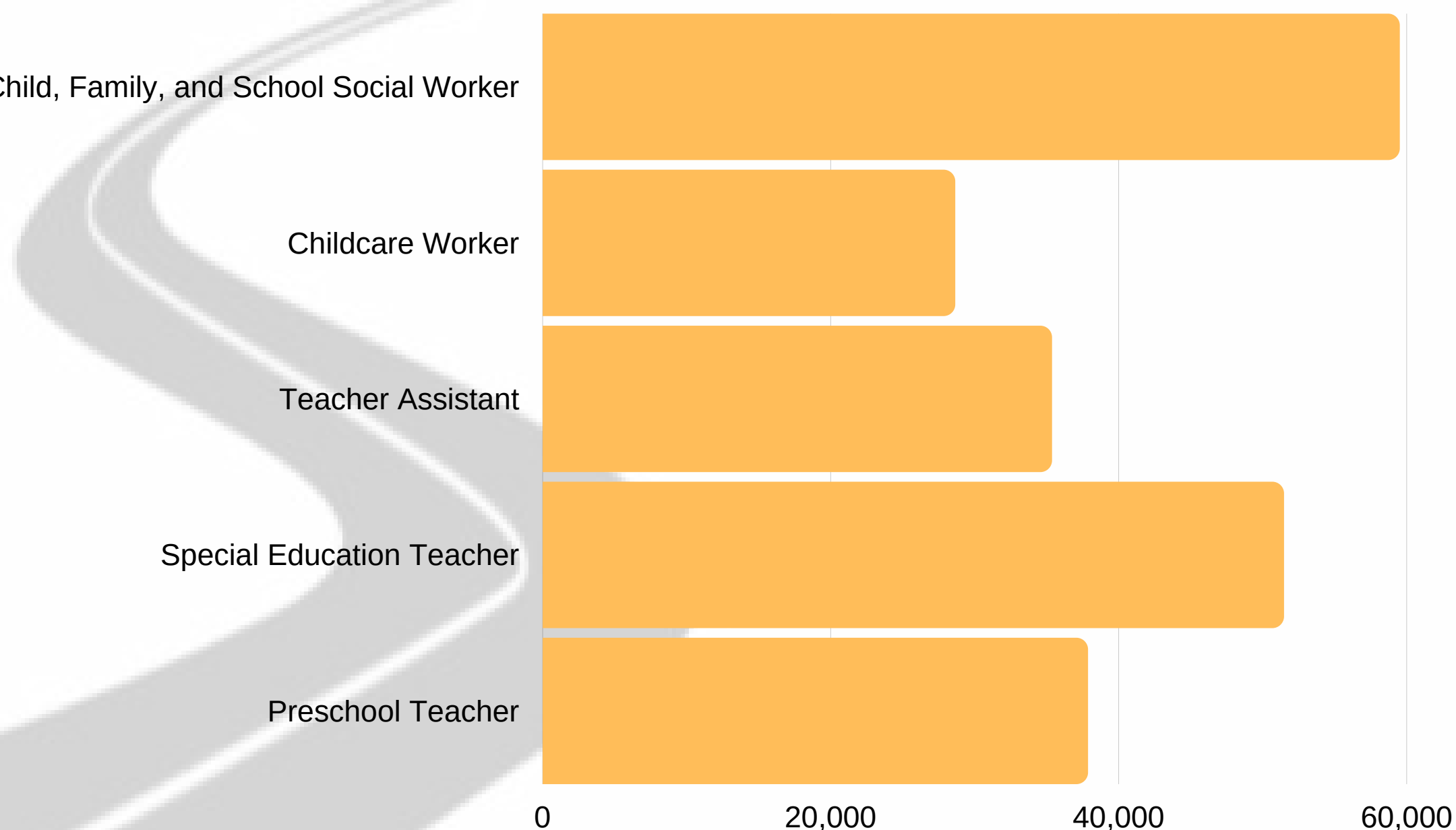
- Associate of Science for Transfer (AS-T) in Early Childhood Education
• Associate of Arts in Child Development
• Associate of Arts in Child Development: Early Childhood Education
• Associate of Arts in Child Development: Special Education
• Certificate of Achievement in Child Development: Associate Teacher, Preschool (A)
• Certificate of Achievement in Child Development: Preschool (B)
• Certificate of Achievement in Child Development: School Age Programs Teacher, Day Care (C)
• Certificate of Achievement in Child Development: Infant/Toddler Care Teacher (D)
• Skills Certificate in Child Development: Associate Teacher, Preschool Literacy Emphasis (E)
• Skills Certificate in Child Development: Associate Teacher, Preschool, Special Education Emphasis (F)

TRANSFER RELATED MAJORS

- Fresno State: Child and Family Science
• San Jose State: Child and Adolescent Development
• San Diego State: Child Development
• CSU Los Angeles: Child Development
• CSU Fullerton: Child and Adolescent Studies
• CSU Long Beach: Child Development and Family Services
• CSU Northridge: Child and Adolescent Development



EARNINGS*



*Earnings can vary by occupation and experience. The following are median wages as of 2018 in California based on CaliforniaCareerZone.org

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- www.lavc.edu/transfer
- <https://www.lavc.edu/childdevelopment/degrees-certificates.aspx>
- <http://www.lavc.edu/transfer/majors/default.html>
- www.assist.org
- www.eureka.org
- www.cacareerzone.org
- www.onetonline.org
- <http://degrees.calstate.edu/>
- https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/files/undergraduate_majors_list.pdf

RELATED OCCUPATIONS

- Preschool teacher
- Childcare worker
- Social and human service assistant
- Child, family, and school social worker
- Training and development specialist
- School psychologist
- Special education teacher
- Teacher assistant



POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS

- Child and family services
- Preschools
- Government agencies
- Social organizations
- Youth service agencies
- Family daycares
- Head Start programs
- Department of Education
- Public/private schools

This general information is provided by the LAVC Career/Transfer Center. For specific information about majors and careers please make an appointment to see a counselor either online, in person at the Counseling Department (Student Services Annex) or by phone at (818) 947-2474.