Child and Adolescent Development (CAD) Teacher Credentialing Requirement

Note: All Credential Candidates are required to take a CAD course!
Dominican: PSY 3120 or 3122 - Child & Adolescent Development or Lifespan Development (4 Units) meet the CAD requirement
*These DU PSY courses are undergraduate level, so do not qualify for Graduate Financial Aid.

Human growth and development, from prenatal development through adolescence, focusing on biological, cognitive, and social-emotional processes within the context of family, culture and society. This course combines theory and research with practical applications. Part of the curriculum for this course will include outside-of-class activities that may include the following: projects, analysis of readings and films, and/or participation in online discussion forums. Offered at DU each Spring semester.

Important: Course equivalencies must specifically state childhood through adolescence and include the learning domains in the course description, such as: “Course covers major principles and concepts related to the cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, and physical development from Childhood to Adolescence.” It can be a 3-unit or 4-unit course and requires a minimum of a "C" grade or can be taken as Pass/Fail.

Approved CAD Course Equivalencies (Not Exhaustive)

California Community Colleges Virtual Courses Index (Search "Child and Adolescent Development")

College of Marin
- PSY 112 Child and Adolescent Psychology
- PSY 114 Psychology of Human Development: Lifespan
- ECE 101 Intro to Child Development
- ECE 110 Child Development

Santa Rosa Junior College
- CHILD 10 Developmental Stages of Childhood
- PSYCH 4 Child and Adolescent Psychology

City College of San Francisco
- CDEV 53 Child Growth and Development - online

University of Phoenix
- EDD 557 Theories Of Growing and Learning - online
● EDUC 525  Theories Of Growing and Learning - online

Contact Karen Markowitz, Credential Analyst, Dominican University of California, for more information or to confirm course equivalencies for CAD requirement.