

CHILD DEVELOPMENT, CERTIFICATE

Requirements for an undergraduate certificate may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the certificate.

Career Paths

The certificate in Child Development can be pursued by Penn State Behrend undergraduate students and as a stand-alone credential for nondegree students. It is useful for Psychology majors as well as for adult and traditional students interested in careers working with children and adolescents. Penn State Behrend has a comprehensive support system to help you identify and achieve your goals for college and beyond. Meet with your academic adviser often and take advantage of the services offered by the Academic and Career Planning Center beginning in your first semester.

Careers

Child development specialists work in day care centers, preschools, schools, social work agencies, hospitals, and health care clinics. They can be teachers, special education paraprofessionals, parent educators, educational consultants, child life specialists, clinicians, psychologists, researchers, or case managers.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT POTENTIAL CAREER OPTIONS FOR GRADUATES WITH A CERTIFICATE IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT (<https://behrend.psu.edu/school-of-humanities-social-sciences/academic-programs/certificate-programs/child-development-certificate>)

Opportunities for Graduate Studies

Working with children and adolescents in a clinical or educational setting requires education beyond a bachelor's degree. Penn State Behrend offers a Master of Arts degree program in Applied Clinical Psychology that includes optional preparation for the Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) credential.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDIES (<https://behrend.psu.edu/graduate-programs/master-of-clinical-psychology>)

Professional Resources

- American Psychological Association (<https://www.apa.org>)
- Society for Research on Adolescence (<https://www.s-r-a.org/>)