

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES, ARTS, BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT

The Child and Adolescent Development (CHAD) major focuses on the developmental processes that occur from conception through the end of adolescence. Students gain a comprehensive overview of typical and atypical development through exploration of empirically derived milestones across biological, cognitive, and psychosocial developmental domains. Course topics focus on developmental trajectories, theories, developmental research methods, ethics, and contexts of development. Throughout the curriculum, special emphasis is placed on the interaction of the individual and environment in the unfolding of development. Students acquire knowledge through exposure to relevant scientific literature, research projects, observations, and fieldwork.



Child and Adolescent Development graduates are working in ...

- Developmentally related public organizations
- Teaching institutions
- Service agencies
- Mental and physical health facilities
- Counseling
- Research and program evaluation
- Medicine
- Law
- Child advocacy and public policy relating to children and adolescents

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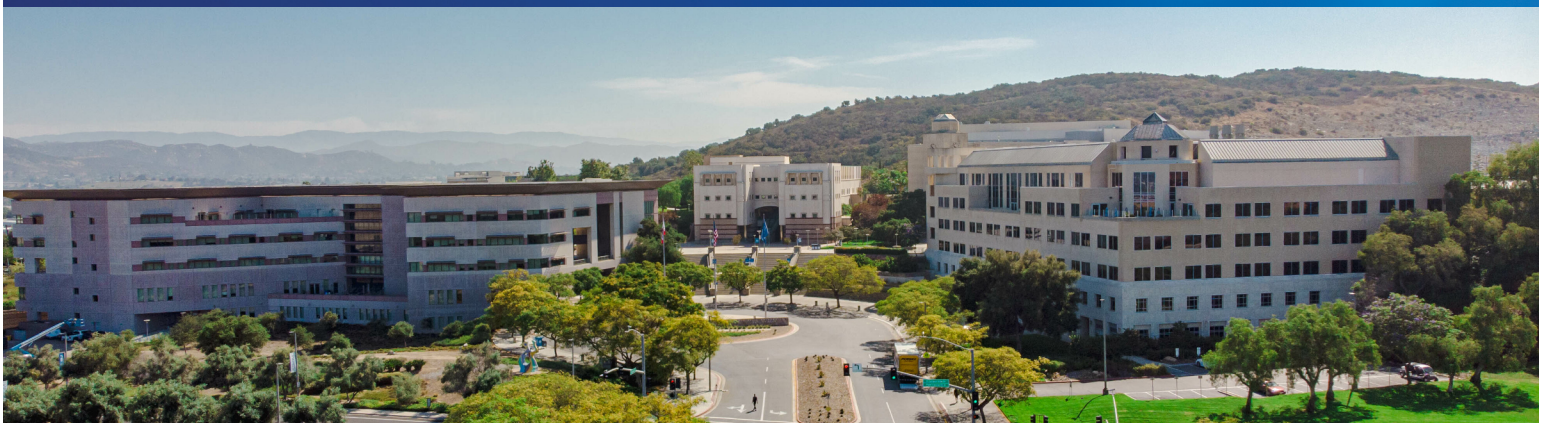
STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

Amanda Mata, fourth year

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Being a Child and Adolescent Development major has taught me the importance of promoting the well-being of our youth in order to foster positive developmental outcomes. I enjoy working with professors in the department who are passionate about their fields and inspire students to be involved in expanding their own education through real world application and ‘hands on’ experiences.

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LABOR MARKET RESOURCE GUIDE

Top Posted Job Titles:

- Preschool Teachers
- Nannies
- Behavior Interventionists
- Babysitters
- Childcare Teachers
- Infant/Toddler Teachers
- Pet Sitters
- Teachers
- Preschool Teacher Assistants
- Paraeducators
- Childcare Professionals
- Paraprofessionals
- Instructional Aides
- After School Teachers
- Special Education Paraprofessionals
- Instructional Assistants
- Teacher Assistants

72,547
ANNUAL OPENINGS

+13%
% CHANGE 2021-2031 PROJECTED GROWTH

$39.6K/yr
MEDIAN EARNINGS

Based on the National Workforce in Child and Adolescent Dev. Occupations with a BA or MA.

**Sources: Lightcast™ Data in the U.S. from 2021-2023*



Top Skills Requested in Job Postings:

Common

- Communication
- Teaching
- English Language
- Planning
- Writing
- Multilingualism
- Management
- Leadership
- Customer Service
- Problem Solving

Specialized

- Preschool Education
- Child Development
- Working With Children
- Early Childhood Ed.
- Special Education
- Social Work
- Lesson Planning
- Psychology
- Individualized Education Programs

Software

- Microsoft Excel
- Microsoft Office
- Microsoft Outlook
- Microsoft Word
- Microsoft PowerPoint
- Student Info System
- Zoom (Video Conferencing Tool)
- Spreadsheets
- Google Workspace

Top Organizations Where CSUSM Child and Adolescent Development B.A. Graduates Are Working:

- New Alternatives
- YMCA
- Catholic Charities USA
- California State University
- Big Future Preschool
- Discovery Isle
- Gillispie School
- Poway Country Preschool
- Vista Unified School District
- Carecom.Org
- Carmel Mountain Preschool
- County Of San Diego
- KinderCare Education at Work
- Discovery Isle Child Development Center
- Poway Unified School District
- High Tech High
- Temecula Valley Charter School
- Oceanside Unified School District
- KinderCare Education
- Wellspring Educational Services
- Carlsbad Unified School District
- Children's Paradise Preschool and Infant Centers
- Encinitas Union School District
- Creighton School District
- La Petite Academy
- Lakeside Union School District
- ELEVATE K-12
- Maac (Maac Project)
- Next Generation Recruitment and Staffing Agency