

About LA Valley College Accelerated Program

ABOUT VCAP

Valley College Accelerated Program (VCAP) is an evening/weekend program designed for students who need flexibility in their education.

VCAP consists of college courses offered in an accelerated format leading to university transfer, associate degree or certificate. The program offers specialized support for its students through the dedicated VCAP administrative and counseling staff.

Open to all students, the Valley College Accelerated Program (VCAP) offers students the ability to meet their employment and family obligations.

Students can customize their college education with flexible options such as short-term evening and Saturday classes, hybrid (classroom-online combination), online only, and weekend only classes.

DETAILS OF THE PROGRAM

- Most classes meet one night a week for two hours and half-day Saturdays.
- Courses are conducted in eight-week sessions.
 - Two sessions per semester in the fall and spring.
 - One eight week session in the summer, and one five week session in the winter.
- Take up to two classes each session.
 - Complete 12 - 14 units per semester.
- VCAP can be used alone, or in combination with traditional 16 - week classes.
- VCAP Weekend College classes are offered Fridays, Saturdays, or Sundays.
- VCAP promotes student success by encouraging study groups, support through campus resources, and the assistance of a VCAP Counselor.
- VCAP offers affordable classes for California residents.
- Bridge to VCAP is designed to help you meet the prerequisites in Math and English, which form the foundation for academic success in VCAP. These classes are offered in eight week formats.

Check the current VCAP schedule for Math and English course offerings www.lavc.edu/vcap.

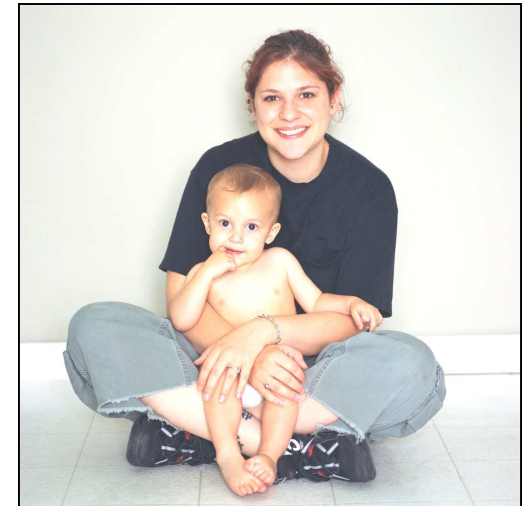
VCAP Mission Statement

VCAP is committed to meeting the diverse demands of students through a non-traditional, accelerated class format, one on one counseling services, and a resource center. We offer excellent customer service and support students in their quest to enhance their personal, academic and professional goals.

Additionally, we recognize the importance of creating relationships with companies located in the San Fernando Valley whose employees' skills would be enhanced by participation in VCAP.

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Child Development/ Early Childhood Education Associate Degree



Certificate Information and Course Offerings

Fall 2011 to Fall 2013



LA Valley College
Accelerated Program
(VCAP)
Los Angeles Valley College

Child Development/Early Childhood Education Associate Degree and Certificates

ABOUT THE CERTIFICATES

Valley College Accelerated Program (VCAP) offers three certificates through the Child Development Department that will provide students with course work that prepares them to work in various capacities in the field of early childhood education. These certificates verify to potential employers that the student has completed the classes that meet state requirements for preschool teachers.

Certificates A, B, and D meet the State of California requirements for employees working in private preschools and centers. Students must complete all courses with a grade of "C" or better.

TRANSFER OPPORTUNITIES

The certificates consist of courses that may be transferable for unit credit and may apply for major credit at other higher education institutions, such as the CSU campuses.

JOIN THE CAST PROGRAM (FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT STUDENTS)

The **CAST** Program is offered for VCAP Child Development students through the Child Development Department. As a participant in the program, you will receive mentoring, priority access to the Writing

Center, invitations to workshops and conferences, and may be eligible for financial support. To apply, or for more information, call Marie Dahan at (818) 778-5528.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

There are a variety of job opportunities in the field of child development/early childhood education. Teaching and other opportunities are available both part-time and full-time. With the completion of college course work in Child Development and/or an A.A. or B.A. degree, *some career options are:*

- Early Childhood, Head Start or Preschool Teacher
- Early Childhood or Preschool Director
- Assistant Teacher or Aide
- Infant or Toddler Teacher
- School Age (Out-of-School) Program Teacher or Aide
- Family Child Care Provider
- Recreation/Playground Leader
- Special Education Aide
- Resource and Referral Specialist
- Family Social Services Specialist
- Disabilities Specialist
- Parent Educator

CHILD DEVELOPMENT VCAP CERTIFICATES

1) Certificate A: Associate Teacher, Private Preschool

Required Courses: CD *1, 3 or 4, 11 plus one course from the following: CD 2, 10, 35, 42, and 48. VCAP offers: CD *1, 3 or 4, 11, and 42. Other non - VCAP classes can be taken through the Child Development Department. *Completion of 12 units meets the State Department of Social Services educational requirements for Child Care Center Associate Teacher in private, for profit, and nonprofit centers as defined in Title 22.*

2) Certificate B: Director, Private Preschool

Required Courses: CD *1, 3 or 4, 11 and *38, and one course from the following: CD 2, 10, *34, 35, *39, 42, *44, *45, and 48. VCAP offers CD *1, 3 or 4, 11, *38 & 42. *Completion of 15 units meets the State Department of Social Services educational requirements for Child Care Center Director in private, for profit, and non-profit centers as defined in Title 22.*

3) Certificate D: Infant and Toddler Care Teacher, Private Program

Required Courses: CD *1, 3 or 4, 11, *29, and *30 or *31. VCAP offers all these courses except CD 29, which is offered through the Child Development Department. *Required completion of 15 units meets the State Department of Social Services educational requirements for Infant Care Teacher in private, for profit, and non-profit centers as defined in Title 22.*

Child Development/Early Childhood Education Associate Degree

VCAP offers a two year Child Development Track, using the Plan A/ Early Childhood Education Option. Core VCAP courses include: CD *1, 3 or 4, and 11. In addition, 12 more units of Child Development are needed. VCAP offers *30, *31, *38, and 42. Additionally, you will need Math, English, and other general education courses, which are also offered through the VCAP program. Other non - VCAP Child Development courses offered through the Child Development can be used to satisfy these 12 units. Go to www.lavc.edu/vcap and click on Two Year schedule to see a complete listing of the courses, or call the VCAP Office.

*These classes have prerequisites

HOW TO OBTAIN YOUR CERTIFICATE?

Once you complete the certificate (s) with at least a "C" in the required classes, contact Karen Capps in Academic Affairs at (818) 947-2539. She will provide you with the necessary information on how to apply for the certificate (s).

NEED MORE INFORMATION ABOUT VCAP?

For more information on how to enroll in this exciting program offered through Valley College Accelerated Program, or to attend an orientation session, please call the VCAP Senior Office Assistant, Anna Robinson at (818) 947-2530 or email the VCAP Director, Roana Thornock at thornorm@lavc.edu.

For an appointment with our academic counselor, Neil Roberts, please call (818) 947-2530, or (818) 947-2476.

Schedule for Fall 2011 to Fall 2013

Course offerings are subject to change.

Course	Course Title	Credits
Fall 2011/2012/2013		
1st 8 wk. - CD. 1	Child Growth and Dev. (Prerequisite: Eng. 28)	3
2nd 8 wk. - CD. 3 or 4	Creative Experiences for Children I or II	3
Winter 2012/2013		
CD. 11	Home, School, and Community Relations	3
Spring 2012/2013		
1st 8 wk.- CD. 30 (only 2012)	Infant and Toddler 1 (Prerequisite CD 1)	3
2nd 8 wk.- CD 42	The Child in a Diverse Society	3
1st 8 wk. - CD 31 (only 2013)	Infant and Toddler Studies II (Prerequisite: CD. 1)	3
Summer 2012/2013		
CD. 38	Administration and Supervision of Early Childhood Programs I. (Prerequisites: CD 1, 3 or 4, and 11)	3

