Education, Child Care and Family Services

- The Education, Child Care and Family Service sector encompasses four distinct, yet interrelated, career pathways: Child Development, Consumer Services, Education, and Family and Human Services.
- People who choose careers in this pathway are motivated to do so by their desire to teach and help others.
- Important skills required for this work include being a good communicator, having an enthusiastic, positive attitude, being organized, and finding enjoyment working with others.
- Because this sector grows as quickly as the population expands, the demand for qualified people will remain strong.

Benefits of Taking This Pathway

- Students will investigate differing educational career paths and make plans for their future.
- Students will gain insight to how individuals develop mentally, emotionally and physically, throughout their lives.
- Students will observe, practice and utilize best teaching practices in real environments.

Seniors who meet the following requirements are eligible for a Career Pathways Cord at Graduation:

- Completion of a Pathway Program, with a B or better within the pathway.
- Earn an overall GPA of 2.0

Potential College Majors

- Education
- Child Development
- Counseling
- Social Work

Potential Careers

- K-12 School Teacher
- School Principal
- Librarian
- Child Protection Social Worker
- Preschool Teacher
- School Counselor
- College Professor
- Child Psychologist
**Education Careers**  
(HHS)  
**Grades:** 10  
**Duration:** Year  
**HS Grade Req:** Electives UC/CSU a-g: n/a  
**Prerequisite:** none  
**CTE Pathway:** Education (introductory)  
**Course Description:** This course is designed to prepare students for careers in the field of education through the integration and development of core academic content. Students will also learn the professional norms, skills, and competencies related to careers in education. This interdisciplinary course integrates concepts from the social science, behavioral science, and biological science discipline and is based on currently accepted academic and career technical standards. Students will learn the principles of learning and teaching, apply educational related terminology, practice classroom management techniques, implement lesson plans, and create student assessments. This course include a work-based learning component in which students will work with learners in a variety of settings.

**Human Development**  
(HHS)  
**Grades:** 11  
**Duration:** Year  
**HS Grade Req:** Electives UC/CSU a-g: G: Electives  
**Prerequisite:** Education Careers  
**CTE Pathway:** Education (concentrator)  
**Course Description:** This is a year-long course that provides students with a working knowledge of the life-cycle stages. This concentration course expands on the comprehensive core and prepares students to understand children’s physical, cognitive, emotional, and social growth and development, as well as provide for their care and guidance. Instruction includes prenatal development, inherited characteristics, health and safety, guidance and discipline, cultural diversity, child abuse and neglect, development of the child, adolescent, adult, and senior. This course provides a solid foundation for any career that involves working with people, including child and adult care and education.

**Introduction to Teaching**  
(HHS)  
**Grades:** 12  
**Duration:** Year  
**HS Grade Req:** Electives UC/CSU a-g: n/a  
**Prerequisite:** Human Development  
**CTE Pathway:** Education (capstone)  
**Course Description:** This course is modeled after the college/university course of the same name and is designed to fulfill the prerequisite for teacher education courses. Students will explore teaching as a profession and career, historical, and philosophical foundations for pre-K-12 education in America, contemporary educational issues, California’s content and performance standards and frameworks, and requirements for earning a teaching credential. Student will engage in 90 hours of supervised classroom field experience over the course of the year and will develop the skills to become a reflective future educator.

**Continuing Pathways Post-Secondary**

*American River College:*  
- Early Childhood Education AA Degree  
- Assistants Teacher Certificate  
- Human Services AA Degree

*CSU Sacramento:*  
- Child Development BA Degree  
- Multiple Subject Teaching Credential  
- Single Subject Teaching Credential