

CHILD DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

A Child Development Specialist is an expert in identifying the traits, symptoms, and patterns particular to children who suffer from various developmental and psychological disorders. They evaluate their educational needs and issues. They give advice to parents and educators accordingly.

PERSONAL COMPETENCIES



- You have a strong desire to heal others
- You are comfortable with children
- You pay attention to details
- You have strong communication skills



The approx. course fee ranges between **INR 3,000 - 1,00,000***.

**These figures are estimated numbers and will vary from Institute to Institute.*

SCHOLARSHIPS

• **National Scholarship Portal** - Visit www.scholarships.gov.in. Under this portal there are Central Government schemes, UGC/AICTE Schemes and Assam Government Schemes offered by different departments*

• Visit www.buddy4study.com for details on available scholarships. This is a gateway to scholarships starting from Class XI*

• Scholarships are also available in the institutes based on merit*

**(Availability of these scholarships can vary from time to time)*

LOANS

• VidyaLakshmi, www.vidyalakshmi.co.in, is a portal for students seeking education loan. This portal has been developed under the guidance of the Department of Financial Services, (Ministry of Finance), Department of Higher Education (Ministry of Human Resource Development) and Indian Banks Association (IBA)

• All banks give education loans



ENTRY PATHWAY

1. Complete 10 + 2 in any stream
 2. Complete Bachelor's degree in Arts (B.A.) in Early Childhood Education/Child Development/Child Psychology followed by Master's degree in Arts (M.A.) in Child Development or related field
- OR
- Complete Bachelor's in Arts (B.A.) in Early Childhood Education/Child Development/Child Psychology followed by Master's degree in Arts (M.A.) in Child Development or related field, and then complete PhD in Child Development or related field
- OR
- Complete Diploma in Early Childhood Education followed by P.G. Diploma in Early Childhood Education

Please check the duration of the course during enrolment



EXPECTED INCOME

**The figures are indicative & subject to change*

The approx. salary of a Child Development Specialist ranges between **INR 50,000 - 1,00,000*** or more per month.

Source: <https://www.salaryexpert.com/salary/job/child-development-specialist/india/bangalore>



WHERE WILL YOU WORK?

Places of Work: Preschool or Elementary School, Private or Government Agencies and Institutions, NGOs, Public and Private schools, Child Care Centers, Head Start programs, Family Child Care Homes, Social Service Agencies, Hospitals, Clinics, Private Practices.

Work Environment: You are likely to in a variety of settings depending on where you are employed. You may work full time or part time, and some may work evenings or weekends. You will typically work with children from birth to age 5, or may work with school-age children, adolescents, and families.

EXPECTED GROWTH PATH

Program Coordinator → Program Specialist → Program Manager → Assistant Director → Associate Director

Search keywords...



child development specialist, child life specialist

WHERE WILL YOU STUDY?

The course is offered by the Department of Early Childhood Care and Development

This list of institutes is indicative only.

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

1. Centre for Early Childhood Education and Development (CECED), Ambedkar University, New Delhi
2. Jadavpur University, Kolkata
3. Lady Irwin College, New Delhi
4. Centre for Early Childhood Development and Research, Jamia Islamia, New Delhi
5. University of Delhi, New Delhi
6. St. Teresa's College, Kochi
7. Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Baroda

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

(Please check if the institute is affiliated and accredited with UGC before applying)

1. Azim Premji University, Bangalore
2. Bombay Teachers' Training College, Mumbai
3. Jaipur National University, Jaipur
4. Amity University, Noida

Information on Institute rankings is available at - <https://www.nirfindia.org/2022/Ranking.html>

DISTANCE LEARNING INSTITUTE

Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)

ONLINE COURSE

- NPTEL* Swayam - https://onlinecourses.swayam2.ac.in/cec22_ge17/preview
- Coursera - <https://in.coursera.org/courses?query=child%20development>

*NPTEL - National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning. It is by the Government of India and offers a variety of courses in an audio-video form

EXAMPLE FROM THE FIELD

Dr. Monimalika Day is an Associate Professor at the School of Education Studies (SES), Ambedkar University Delhi. She completed her Ph.D. from the University of Maryland. She has been involved in several research projects to improve developmental outcomes of young children from marginalised communities, through parenting programmes and preschool education. She began her career in Kolkata at Calcutta Rescue and was instrumental in setting up a drop in center for 300 children, who lived with their families on the streets. Later, she took up a part time position at Manovikas Kendra and helped establish a hospital based programme for young children with disabilities.*

Source - <https://aud.ac.in/faculty/dr-monimalika-day>

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