1) **What is the Child Development Permit?**
   The Child Development Permit is issued by the State of California Commission on Teacher Credentialing and authorizes the holder to care for children in a child development program.

2) **What are the different levels of permit?**
   There are six levels:
   - Assistant Teacher
   - Associate Teacher
   - Teacher
   - Master Teacher
   - Site Supervisor
   - Program Director

3) **Do I need a permit to work in child care programs?**
   If you are working in a publicly funded program (e.g. unified school district, state preschool, or state funded children’s center), you must meet the requirements of the Child Development Permit as these programs are governed by the State Code “Title 5”.

   If you are working in a private, non-profit, or exempt child development program, you may not need the permit as these programs are governed by the State Code “Title 22”. However, many programs are now recommending or requiring the permit.

4) **How do I qualify for a permit and where do I apply?**
   Generally, you will need early childhood coursework and some experience in a child development program. Each level of the permit has specific requirements. There are also optional ways of meeting those requirements. Please consult with a career advisor to apply for your permit.

5) **What core courses do I need for a Child Development Permit?**
   - CDEV 53 Child Growth and Development
   - CDEV 65 Orientation to Early Childhood Programs
   - CDEV 66 Early Childhood Curriculum
   - CDEV 67 Child, Family and Community

6) **What General Education units do I need?**
   You must complete 16 semester units in approved general education courses – with at least one course in each of the following areas: English/Language Arts; Math and/or Science; Social Sciences; and Humanities and/or Fine Arts

7) **What experience do I need if it is required for my application?**
   You must have worked at least three hours each day in an instructional capacity in a child care and development program. Each level of the permit requires a specific number of days of experience and there are time limits in certain areas. (Please refer to the matrix for each level) You may count both paid and/or volunteer days as long as you worked three hours a day.

8) **Do I need to verify my experience?**
   Yes, there is a form (included in the application packet) that you must have to verify the dates, ages of children, supervisory capacity, and program. It is to be signed by the employer. It is a good idea to duplicate this form and keep on-going records of your employment/volunteer hours in your professional portfolio.

9) **What if I have a degree from another country?**
   You may be able to apply units or degrees from other countries to the Permit, but they must be officially evaluated by a recognized agency.

10) **What are “alternative requirements”?**
    If you do not meet the requirements, you may be eligible for a permit if you have met certain higher educational standards. Each level has alternative requirements listed as “Option 2 or Option 3”.

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