

Am I in the Right Concentration?

All CAS majors complete the same 9 Core Classes. In addition to the CAS Core Sequence, majors complete 8 additional classes focused on building expertise with specific populations, settings, and careers.

The CAS major has 4 possible concentrations.

- ➔ **Early Childhood Education/Development (CHAE)**
 - ➞ CHAE emphasizes the development, education, and socialization of children through age 8.
 - ➞ Choose CHAE if you want to
 - Work in a preschool or family childcare setting.
 - Earn a Preschool-3rd grade teaching credential.
 - Earn an Early Childhood Special Education teaching credential.
- ➔ **Elementary School Education/Settings (CHAS)**
 - ➞ CHAS emphasizes the development, education, and socialization of children in elementary school settings.
 - ➞ Choose CHAS if you want to
 - Earn a Multiple Subject (General Education) elementary teaching credential.
 - Earn a Mild/Moderate or Extensive Support Special Education teaching credential.
- ➔ **Adolescent and Youth Development (CHAY)**
 - ➞ CHAY emphasizes the development, social interaction, and identity of tweens, teens, and young adults.
 - ➞ Choose CHAY if you want to
 - Work with teens and young adults.
 - Pursue graduate study of teens and young adults.
 - Earn a Single Subject teaching credential.
- ➔ **Family and Community Contexts (CHAF)**
 - ➞ CHAF emphasizes the bidirectional influence of children and their families, as well as the effects of demographic context, culture, and intervention in development.
 - ➞ Choose CHAF if you want to
 - Work in nonprofit community setting.
 - Earn Child Life certification.
 - Work in therapeutic intervention with children and families (e.g. Social Work, Counseling, Marriage and Family Therapy).
 - Pursue graduate study of children and families.

If you are planning to earn a teaching credential, it is important to match your concentration to your planned credential. Having the correct credential shows “subject

matter competence” and avoids the need for testing before entering the credential program.

Credential	CAS Concentration	Typical Service Population	Typical Age Range
Multiple Subjects	CHAS (Elementary School)	General Population	Tk – 8 th grade *Tk requires ECE units
Prek – 3 rd	CHAE (Early Childhood)	General Population	3 yrs old – 3 rd grade
Special Education: Mild/Moderate	CHAS (Elementary School)	Special Education	Tk – 12 th grade
Special Education: Early Childhood	CHAE (Early Childhood)	Special Education	Infant - Kindergarten
Special Education: Extensive Supports	CHAS (E Elementary School)	Special Education	Elementary
	CHAY (Adoles/Youth Dev)	Special Education	Adolescents – 22 yrs

You should check that your current concentration (selected when you applied to CSUF) matches your goals. You can plan for a change of major now, but you cannot make that change until after the semester starts. Contact CAS Advising (email CASAdvising@fullerton.edu) if you need to change your concentration.