



Hello, my name is Rhonda Choeun. I am a 2016 graduate from the Child Development Program at California State University, Chico. Through my academic career, I've had many opportunities to excel as an individual and professional. Within this program I've gained the necessary skills and knowledge to work with children and families in a variety of situations. These abilities were gained by working with professionals, faculty, and my peers through several internship and courses within the program.

Through my internships I had the opportunity to work in both a preschool and group home setting. As an intern, I completed tasks ranging from supervising children and adolescents, implementing appropriate age based curriculum, completing weekly desired results assessments, partaking in individual interventions, providing transportation for adolescents, and contributing to individual treatment plans. Through coursework I gained concrete understanding and knowledge of the development of children. I learned that it is important for children to have appropriate resources and opportunities because it is significant for positive development. I also learned that creating curriculum or providing resources of play, literacy, science, and creative arts are important for a child's physical, cognitive, social, emotional, and language development.

During my undergraduate studies, I also had the opportunity to work professionally as a Student Assistant for the Child Development Department office during my last three semesters at Chico State. Through this experience I learned critical communication, interaction, and professional skills. I had the opportunity to work with the Child Development Department Chair and Advisor along with several professors in this program. Since I worked so closely with faculty and the Department Chair, it was essential for me to learn how to communicate and interact appropriately.

I have the abilities to manage and be accountable for multiple responsibilities, such as being a full time student, part time employee, and having several internships throughout my academic career. I also foster the abilities of compassion, patience, and open mindedness, which are important skills I've learned through this program. I am confident that the skills I've gained working with different aged children in a preschool and group home setting has deeply prepared me to work effectively and efficiently with children in multiple developmental context.

I hope to be able to further my career in the Child Development profession and hope to continue making a positive impact in the lives of the families and children I'll be working with.