

Early Childhood Development Certificate

Purpose: The one-year certificate program in Early Childhood Development is designed to prepare students with skills related to the care, supervision, education and development of young children from birth to age eight. There is also the ability to become qualified to work with children up to the age of twelve in programs which serve before and after school and recreational programs.

Occupational Objectives: Employment opportunities include preparation or upgrading of skills for positions as childcare center directors, assistant directors, teachers or assistant teachers, aides, playroom attendants, home based providers or day care workers, camp directors and before and after school teachers in the following types of facilities: child day care centers, nursery schools, family day care homes, Head Start programs, recreational before and after school programs, hospital based childcare programs, pre-school at risk programs and pre-kindergarten church sponsored programs

Admission Requirements: General college curricular admission

Program Notes: In addition to the general college curricular admission requirements, all entering students will be required to take placement tests in math, writing and reading to aid placement in the appropriate courses. Students who do not meet required placement levels must enroll in developmental studies courses. It is recommended that students arrange for a personal interview and advising appointment with the program head.

A field internship in an approved childcare center is required in the second semester of the Early Childhood curriculum. It is a planned learning experience for the purpose of pulling together the theories and practice learned in the classroom. A Criminal Record Clearance/Sex Offender Registry Check is required for placement and volunteering. See the program head for a list of convictions that will prevent employment. The student will be expected to complete a tuberculosis test before practicum placement.

Students must attain a grade of "C" or higher in all courses with CHD, HLT, PSY, and EDU course prefixes.

Students must have a valid first aid and CPR certificate in order to be eligible for graduation. Valid cards must be filed with the program head or central admissions office prior to expiration and graduation.

Computer Competency Requirement: Students in this program will meet the college's computer competency requirement by successfully completing ITE 115. Students can also meet this requirement by passing the college's computer competency exam, administered in the testing centers on each campus, in which case

they will receive college credit for ITE 115. Students not passing the computer competency exam may retake the exam only once.

CURRICULUM				
COURSE	TITLE	LEC. HRS.	LAB. HRS.	CRS. CRE.
ENG 111	College Composition I	3	0	3
CHD 120	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3	0	3
CHD 145	Teaching Art, Music, and Movement to Children	2	2	3
CHD 205	Guiding the Behavior of Children	3	0	3
ITE 115	Introduction to Computer Applications and Concepts	3	0	3
SDV 100	College Success Skills	1	0	1
TOTAL		15	2	16
CHD 216	Early Childhood Programs, School, and Social Change	3	0	3
CHD 146	Math, Science, and Social Studies for Children	2	2	3
CHD 215	Models of Early Childhood Programs	3	0	3
HLT 135	Child Health and Nutrition	3	0	3
PSY 235	Child Psychology	3	0	3
CHD 165	Observation and Participation in Early Childhood/Primary Settings	1	6	3
TOTAL		15	8	18
Total Minimum Credits for Certificate in Early Childhood Development				34