

EARLY CHILDHOOD/CHILD DEVELOPMENT

(CIP 19.0706)

Associate of Applied Science

This workforce program, which has earned Accreditation of Early Childhood Higher Education Programs, is designed to prepare students for an early childhood career **that does not require teacher certification**. It is the continuation of the Level I Certificate and requires more in-depth application of college-level reading, writing, and math skills to program design and curriculum planning. Candidates must “demonstrate competency, good judgment, and self-control in the presence of children when performing assigned duties” (Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Minimum Standards for Child-Care, p. 43). The program will provide lower-level academic and technical courses for continuing educational experiences to satisfy state (Texas Department of Protective & Regulatory Services) and national (The Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition) credential education requirements and includes 15 hours or more of general education coursework (academic transfer courses).

College Readiness Courses (if needed)

Semester I

CDEC 1313	Curriculum Resources for Early Childhood Programs
CDEC 1319	Child Guidance
CDEC 1356	Emergent Literacy for Early Childhood Programs
CDEC 1358	Creative Arts for Early Childhood
TECA 1303	Families, School, & Community

Semester II

CDEC 1359	Children with Special Needs
CDEC 2307	Math and Science for Early Childhood
CDEC 2326	Administration of Programs for Children I
TECA 1318	Wellness of the Young Child
SPCH 1315*	Public Speaking

Semester III

CDEC 1164*	Practicum (or Field Experience) – Child Development
ENGL 1301	Composition I
TECA 1311	Educating Young Children
CDEC 2315	Diverse Cultural/Multilingual Education

Natural Science/Mathematics from the AAS General Education Course List*

Humanities/Fine Arts from the AAS General Education Course List*

Semester IV

TECA 1354	Child Growth & Development Social/Behavioral Sciences from the AAS General Education Course List*
CDEC 2286***	Internship – Child Care Provider/Assistant (Capstone Course)
Select two courses from the following:	
CDEC 1321	The Infant and Toddler
ENGL 1302	Composition II*
COSC 1301	Introduction to Computing
CDEC 1321	The Infant and Toddler
GOVT 2306*	Texas Government
ACNT 1303**	Introduction to Accounting I

Total Semester Hours – 60

This program may be eligible for transfer credit to a Bachelor of Applied Science degree (BAS) if students take the general education courses marked with asterisks ().

**Required for Director’s Credential

*** Students must earn a grade of “C” or higher in the program capstone course (CDEC 2286) in order to graduate.