

Child Development

Certificate of Completion

35 credit hours

The certificate of completion in Family and Consumer Science/Child Development is a terminal degree designed to meet state requirements for employment in licensed day care facilities. This is one of the fastest growing employment opportunities and requires employees to continually re-certify. The courses in the Child Development program meet those requirements. The certification program requires fewer general education classes than the associate degree. Upon program completion students will be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of strategies for promoting safe environments for children.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the seven early childhood education competency areas.
- Demonstrate knowledge of child development from conception through age eight.
- Demonstrate knowledge of curriculum development based on social, cognitive, physical, and emotional areas of development.
- Demonstrate knowledge of methods of guiding the development of self-regulatory capacities in young children.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the dynamics of working with family members, community agencies, and other professionals to meet the needs of young children.

Any student who is ineligible for state, national, or industry licensure or certification is ineligible for entry into this program.

Certificate Requirements

ECE 107 – Health, Safety, and Nutrition – 2

ECE 201 – Introduction to Language, Literacy and Reading – 3

ECE 220 – Professionalism in Early Childhood – 2

ECE 223 – Assessment of Children and Program Evaluation I – 3

or SPED 203 – Assessment of Children and Program Evaluation – 3

ECE 239 – Curriculum Development through Play: Birth-PreK – 3

ECE 239 L – Curriculum Development through Play: Practicum – 2

ECE 240/L – Curriculum Development and Implementation: Age 3 through Grade 3/Lab – 5

ECE 265 – Guiding Young Children – 3

ECE 280 – Family and Community Collaboration I – 3

ENG 102 – English Composition – 3

FCS 221 – Child Growth, Development and Learning – 3

UNIV 101 – Freshman Seminar – 3