



Child Development

Certificate of Completion

17 credit hours

Can be completed online

The certificate of completion in Child Development is a terminal certificate designed to meet state requirements for employment in licensed day care and Head Start facilities. This is one of the fastest growing employment opportunities and requires employees to continually re-certify. The courses in the Child Development Certificate meet those requirements. The certification program requires fewer general education classes than the associate degree. Upon completion of the certificate 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.

Suggested order and time of completion:

Junior Year

FYEX 1141- Career Explorations and Planning (3, online, 8 weeks)

ECED 1110 – Child Growth, Development and Learning (3, Online, 8 weeks)

ECED 1115 – Health, Safety, and Nutrition (2, Online, 8 weeks)

ECED 1120 – Guiding Young Children (3, Online, 8 Weeks)

ECED 1125 – Assessment of Children and Evaluation of Programs (3, Online, 8 weeks)

Senior Year

ECED 1130 – Family Community Collaboration (3, Online, 8 weeks)

COMM 2150 – Communications for Teachers (3, Hybrid, Fall & Spring)