

GUIDED PATHWAY: CHILD DEVELOPMENT/ EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION A.A.S.

EDUCATION CAREER PATH



For more information, visit the [Dallas College Child Development webpage](http://www.dcccd.edu/childdev) [www.dcccd.edu/childdev] and your academic advisor at the Brookhaven Campus or Eastfield Campus.

This is an example course sequence for students interested in pursuing the Child Development/Early Childhood Education associate degree. It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. Following this pathway will help you earn an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in Child Development/Early Childhood Education. Students must earn at least 25% of the credit hours (15 hours) required for graduation through instruction by Dallas College. See catalog for [official degree requirements](#).

The A.A.S. degree program offers students an in-depth study of young children from birth to twelve years of age. The Eastfield Campus provides a child development center, the Children's Lab School of the Center for Child and Family Studies, that offers lab opportunities for students. The Brookhaven Campus has a Head Start Center on campus that is available for students, as well as numerous off-campus locations for student lab experiences. Courses that complete the degree also complete the [Child Development/Early Childhood Education Certificate](#) (C).

Visit www.ntxccc.org/pathways to view guided pathways created for students who complete an AAS degree and the options for transfer. Speak with an academic advisor at your college to choose courses that will help you to transfer to a specific university.

Catalog Year	2021-2022	You may use this pathway if you entered Dallas College on or before this date.
Degree Type	Associate of Applied Science	
GPA Requirement	Student must earn a GPA of 2.0 or higher.	
<u>TSI</u>	Must be Complete	

SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER MAP FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students. This is not an official degree plan. See catalog for [official degree requirements](#).

AAS DEGREE MINIMUM: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS

SEMESTER 1

Total Hours: 15

- [CDEC 1311](#) – Educating Young Children (*Course also applies to C*)
- [CDEC 1319](#) – Child Guidance (*Course also applies to C*)
- [CDEC 1354](#) – Child Growth and Development (*Course also applies to C*)
- [CDEC 1321](#) – The Infant and Toddler
- [CDEC 1318](#) – Wellness of the Young Child (*Course also applies to C*)

SEMESTER 1 ACTION ITEMS

1. Meet with your advisor to confirm academic and career goals before the end of the semester.
2. Meet with a career advisor or coach to research your career options and opportunities for job shadowing.
3. Meet with a faculty or career advisor regarding placement for the Cooperative Education course.

SEMESTER 2

Total Hours: 15

- [ENGL 1301](#) – Composition I *This is a Core course. Must earn a grade of C or higher.*
- [SPCH 1311](#) – Introduction to Speech Communication *This is a Core course.*
- [CDEC 1323](#) – Observation and Assessment (*Course also applies to C*)
- [CDEC 1359](#) – Children with Special Needs* (*Course also applies to C*)
- [CDEC 1303](#) – Families, School and Community* (*Course also applies to C*)

* This course counts toward the Child Development Elective course within the Child Development/Early Childhood Education Certificate. Students pursuing the certificate should still consult the advising guide of the campus (Brookhaven or Eastfield) you are attending for guidance on appropriate elective courses for your career goals.

SEMESTER 2 ACTION ITEMS

1. Meet with your advisor to request an official program of study audit, confirm or update your academic/career path.
2. Meet with a faculty or career advisor regarding placement for the Internship course.

SEMESTER 3

Total Hours: 14

CDEC 2165 – Practicum-Child Care Provider/Assistant *Consult your advisor for appropriate course selection.*

CDEC 1356 – Emergent Literacy for Early Childhood* *(Course also applies to C)*

CDEC 1413 – Curriculum Resources for Early Childhood Programs *Consult your advisor for appropriate course selection. (Course also applies to C)*

GOVT 2305 – Federal Government *This is a Core course.*

CDEC 13XX or 23XX Elective*

* Child Development Elective must:

Be chosen from the following: CDEC 1317, CDEC 1341, CDEC 1343, CDEC 1358, CDEC 1395, CDEC 1396, CDEC 2304, CDEC 2307, CDEC 2315, CDEC 2322, CDEC 2324, CDEC 2326, CDEC 2328, CDEC 2336, CDEC 2340, CDEC 2341.

Be selected in consultation with the campus (Brookhaven or Eastfield) you are attending for guidance on appropriate elective courses for your career goals. Contact the Child Development/Early Childhood Education Advisor or Program Chair if you need more guidance.

SEMESTER 3 ACTION ITEMS

1. Meet with your advisor to apply for the Child Development/Early Childhood Education Certificate completion.
2. Meet with a faculty or career advisor regarding placement for the Internship course and for assistance in preparing for job search.

SEMESTER 4

Total Hours: 16

CDEC 2388 – Internship–Child Care Provider/Assistant *Consult your advisor for appropriate course selection.*

BIOL 1408 – Biology for Non-Science Majors I *This is a Core course. Must earn a grade of C or higher.*

HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS ELECTIVE* – *This is a Core course.*

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*Humanities/Fine Arts Elective must be chosen from the following: ARTS 1301, HUMA 1315, MUSI 1306

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SEMESTER 4 ACTION ITEMS

1. After reviewing your degree plan and program of study, meet with your advisor to apply for the Child Development/Early Childhood Education A.A.S.
2. Sign up for commencement.
3. Join the [Alumni Network!](#)

PATHWAY TOTAL: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS