

GUIDED PATHWAY: CHILD DEVELOPMENT/ EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CERTIFICATE

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 or Eastfield campus.

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

This certificate program provides general courses in early childhood for those wanting to increase their skills and knowledge for working with children. 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 Child Development/Early Childhood Education Certificate are noted below.

Students pursuing this certificate are waived from the [Texas Success Initiative \(TSI\)](#) standards, but must meet course prerequisites, as long as the student completes the TSI waiver form prior to enrollment.

Catalog Year	2021-2022	You may use this pathway if you entered Dallas College on or before this date.
Degree Type	Level I Certificate	
GPA Requirement	Student must earn a GPA of 2.0 or higher	
TSI	May be Exempt	

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 certificate requirements](#).

CERTIFICATE MINIMUM: 28 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS

SEMESTER 1 Total Hours: 12

- [CDEC 1311](#) – Educating Young Children
- [CDEC 1354](#) – Child Growth and Development
- [CDEC 1318](#) – Wellness of the Young Child
- [CDEC 1303](#) – Families, School and Community*

* These courses count toward the Child Development Elective course within the Child Development/Early Childhood Education Certificate. Students pursuing the CD1 Certificate should still consult the advising guide of the college (Brookhaven or Eastfield) you are attending for guidance on appropriate elective courses for your career goals.

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.

SEMESTER 2 Total Hours: 12

- [CDEC 1319](#) – Child Guidance
- [CDEC 1323](#) – Observation and Assessment
- [CDEC 1359](#) – Children with Special Needs*
- [CDEC 1356](#) – Emergent Literacy for Early Childhood*

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SEMESTER 2 ACTION ITEMS

1. Meet with your advisor to request an official program of study audit and 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: 4

CDEC 1413 – Curriculum Resources for Early Childhood Programs *Take course at the college where you plan to earn the Certificate.*

SEMESTER 3 ACTION ITEMS

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

PATHWAY TOTAL: 28 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS