

Child Development (Certificate)

Certificate of Mastery

Minimum of 18 Credits

The certificate program allows an individual to work toward an attainable goal without taking the general education required for an associate degree. College credits earned apply toward the Associate in Applied Science or Associate in Arts degrees.

Students with a genuine interest in young children may want to consider studying child development. This certificate is also designed to meet the training requirements required for the Child Development Associate (CDAO), a national competency-based credential which is the first level of professional preparation in early childhood education, while the Certificate of Mastery places the developing professional at a slightly higher level.

Course #	Course Name	Credits	Type	Prerequisites
<i>Suggested Freshman 1st Semester</i>				
CD 2113	INTRODUCTION TO CHILD DEVELOPMENT	3	Major	(R) (W)
CD 2153	INTRODUCTION TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION	3	Major	(R)
ENGL 1113	ENGLISH COMPOSITION I	3	Gen Ed	(R) (W), Adequate reading and writing assessment scores or LS 0033 College Writing II, either taken within the last year, with strong encouragement for immediate continuation.
<i>Suggested Freshman 2nd Semester</i>				
CD 2333	*** INTEGRATED CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT I	3	Major	(R) (W), Earned at least a "C" in CD 2113, CD 2133
CD 2353	*** CHILD HEALTH, SAFETY AND NUTRITION	3	Major	(R) (W), Earned at least a "C" in CD 2113, CD 2133
CD 2363	*** BEHAVIOR AND GUIDANCE OF YOUNG CHILDREN	3	Major	(R) (W) Earned at least a "C" in CD 2133 & CD 2133 for Child Development majors or permission of instructor

Major Courses: (15 credit hours) Child Development: CD 2113, 2153, 2213, 2333, 2353, 2363

General Education Courses: (3 credit hours) English: ENGL 1113

Notes: A Certificate of Mastery program is designed to meet the needs of an individual who wants to enter the job market following the completion of the certificate.

**** These courses have a clinical component that requires purchase of liability insurance, a student nametag, tuberculosis testing and an OSBI background investigation.*