



Program Map 2018-2019 College Credit Catalog
Child Care and Development: CDA Preparation



Certificate: CDA Preparation Level 1 (C1)

EDUCATION

Program Description: Early childhood professionals play important roles for young children and their families. Courses in the Child Care and Development program cover childhood behavior, relationships, diversity, curriculum, guidance, and health. You also can apply what you learn at ACC's nationally accredited childcare center.

See your program advisor for all other award plan options within the Child Care and Development program, as well as for ACCTech credit-in-escrow and credit for previous experience.

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Special Admissions Requirements for All Child Care and Development Majors:

Because the criteria for child care center volunteers is determined by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (TDFPS) Minimum Standards for Day Care Centers, there are special requirements for enrollment in child development courses with fieldwork components. Students enrolled in these courses will be required to complete a criminal history statement and a notarized affidavit of this statement on the first day of class. The information will be submitted for verification by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (TDFPS) for a criminal history background check. Prior to participating in the course fieldwork component, all background checks must be verified as approved. Students who have lived outside the state of Texas in the past five years will also be required to do a FBI check. The cost for submitting all initial TDFPS forms are paid by ACC.

Students with any criminal history should refer to the Child Care and Development department website for more information or contact the Child Care and Development department to determine if they will be allowed to take child development courses or if a risk assessment is needed. Students should plan on beginning the risk assessment process, which must be completed with the Austin Community College Children's Laboratory School, three months prior to enrolling in child development courses. Contact the Child Development department at 512-223-5201 or the Director of the Children's Laboratory School at 512-223-5200 for more information.

Other Special Requirements for Child Development:

1. Students must receive a C or above in each child development course for the courses to be accepted toward the Certificates or Associate of Applied Science Degree.
2. Most courses have a fieldwork component. The majority of the fieldwork needs to be completed in a setting where young children spend their day. Students will need to be available to conduct the fieldwork requirements during daytime hours.

*Use this **Program Map** to choose courses with your advisor and track your progress towards milestones and completion of program.*

Pre-Degree Requirements		
Program Specific	Reading and Writing Placement <i>Placements based on TSI</i>	Mathematics Placement <i>Placements based on TSI</i>
TSI Placement is not required for Level 1 Certificates.	<input type="checkbox"/> Basic Developmental Courses <input type="checkbox"/> ESOL Courses <input type="checkbox"/> INRW Courses	<input type="checkbox"/> NCBM and MATD courses paired with MATH courses <input type="checkbox"/> NCBM and MATD courses
SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER PROGRAM PLAN FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS <i>Plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding more semesters</i>		

Semester 1	CR	Advising Notes
CDEC 1354 - Child Growth and Development	3	
CDEC 1311 - Educating Young Children	3	Prerequisite(s): Student must be eligible for field experiences by passing a criminal background check through the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and meet the Child Development Department's field experiences/lab policies.
	6	Program Semester Hours / Meet with your advisor

Semester 2		
CDEC 1318 - Wellness of the Young Child	3	Prerequisite(s): Student must be eligible for field experiences by passing a criminal background check through the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and meet the Child Development Department's field experiences/lab policies.
CDEC 1321 - The Infant and Toddler	3	Prerequisite(s): Student must be eligible for field experiences by passing a criminal background check through the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and meet the Child Development Department's field experiences/lab policies.
	6	Program Semester Hours / Meet with your program advisor
Semester 3		
CDEC 1419 - Child Guidance	4	Prerequisite(s): Prerequisite(s): CDEC 1311 or TECA 1311; or completion of CDEC 1417 and CDEC 2422; or instructional program approval. Student must be eligible for field experiences by passing a criminal background check through the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and meet the Child Development instructional program's policies for field experiences/lab policies.
CDEC 1341 - CDA Preparation for Assessment	3	Capstone course. Prerequisite(s): Completion of at least 12 credit hours from the following courses: CDEC 1311, CDEC 1318, CDEC 1321, CDEC 1354, CDEC 1419. ACHIEVEMENT: CDA Preparation Level 1 Certificate
	7	Program Semester Hours
Total Program Hours		19

Please always check online at austincc.edu/catalog or meet with your academic or program advisor to ensure that you are viewing the latest and most accurate information.

Career & Transfer Resources

ACC's Career and Transfer websites provide detailed, guided information on career exploration and transfer.

www.austincc.edu/career

www.austincc.edu/transfer

For further information regarding this specific program, please see the Career & Transfer Resources supplement provided in the next section of this Program Map.

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Career & Transfer Resources Updated 11/21/18

Career Information

Child Care provider

The Child Care and Development program prepares students to work directly with young children ages birth-5 years old. Students completing a CDA, Certificate or an Associate degree have options to work in childcare centers including non-profit, corporate, or family-home centers as a teacher or director. Centers are increasingly requiring staff to gain formal knowledge and skills to improve quality standards within their centers.

Common Job Titles

Child Care Workers, Preschool Teacher, Early Childhood Teacher, Group Teacher, Head Start Teacher, Lead Teacher, Pre-Kindergarten Teacher (Pre-K Teacher), Teacher Assistant, Toddler Teacher, Nannies

Regional Labor Market Information

Childcare Workers: Normal pay for Childcare Workers is \$20,924 per year, while highly experienced workers can earn as much as \$27,603. Over the last year, 77 companies have posted 1,775 jobs for Childcare Workers. There are currently 10,554 Childcare Workers that are employed in Austin-Round Rock, TX.

Source: <https://austincc.emsicc.com/careers/childcare-worker>

Career and labor market research tools (see Quick Reference Guide at <http://www.austincc.edu/career>):

EMSI: <https://austincc.emsicc.com/>, Bureau of Labor Statistics: <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>, O*NET: <https://www.onetonline.org/>

Career Resources: ACC's career services website provides information on career exploration and employment at <http://www.austincc.edu/career>. Students are encouraged to consult with their [area of study advisor](#) for additional career assistance. The above information is provided as a guide and reference tool for occupations related to this program. This is not a guarantee of job placement in any of these occupations after successful completion of an ACC program. The common job titles listed are representative titles and are provided for career research. These are not the only occupations possible in this area of study.

Transfer Information

The Child Care and Child Care Development program prepares students to directly enter the workforce. A Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (BAAS) is a transfer degree option for students in AAS programs who want to complete a 4-year degree.

Common majors students pursue at a 4-year institution include: Human Development and Family Science, Family and Child Development, Childhood Studies, Early Childhood Education

Transfer Guides: *The universities listed here do not constitute an ACC endorsement. Transfer course evaluations and determination of what courses will count toward a bachelor's degree are made by the receiving transfer institution.*

The University of Texas at Austin: <https://admissions.utexas.edu/apply/transfer-resources/acc-transfer-guides>

Texas State University: <https://www.admissions.txstate.edu/future-students.html>

The University of Texas at San Antonio: https://www.utsa.edu/advise/1617_transfer/acc.html

Texas A&M San Antonio (TAMUSA): <http://www.tamusa.edu/collegeofartsandsciences/degreesmajors.html>

Huston-Tillotson University College of Educator Preparation Program – Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood (EC)-6 Generalist (BA) & Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood (EC)-12 Special Education (BA): <http://htu.edu/academics/colleges/cas/dept-of-educator-preparation>

Additional Transfer Resources: ACC's transfer website provides information on additional colleges & universities: <http://www.austincc.edu/transferguides>. Students are encouraged to consult with a faculty advisor, [area of study advisor](#), and/or their chosen transfer institution to ensure courses taken at ACC will apply toward their bachelor's degree program.