

EARLY CHILDHOOD/CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Paraprofessional

(CIP 19.0706)

Level II Certificate

This certificate is designed to prepare students for a career in Early Childhood/Child Development instruction and meets the minimum standards for employment as a Paraprofessional in Texas public schools. Candidates must “demonstrate competency, good judgement, and self-control in the presence of children when performing assigned duties” (Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Minimum Standards for Child-Care). The program will provide both lower and mid-level technical courses for continuing educational experience to satisfy state (Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services) and national (The Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition) credential requirements. Courses in this certificate program can also be applied toward the Early Childhood/Child Development AAS degree. TSI readiness is required. Students may begin the Level II Certificate in either the fall or spring semester.

College Readiness Courses (if needed)

Semester I

CDEC 1313	Curriculum Resources for Early Childhood Programs
CDEC 1319	Child Guidance
CDEC 1356	Emergent Literacy for Early Childhood
TECA 1303	Families, School, & Community

Semester II

CDEC 1359	Children with Special Needs
CDEC 2307	Math and Science for Early Childhood
TECA 1318	Wellness of the Young Child
CDEC 1321	The Infant and Toddler

Semester III

CDEC 1164	Practicum (or Field Experience) – Child Development
ENGL 1301	Composition I
TECA 1311	Educating Young Children
CDEC 2315	Diverse Cultural/Multilingual Education
CDEC 1358	Creative Arts for Early Childhood

Semester IV

TECA 1354	Child Growth & Development
CDEC 2286	Internship – Child Care Provider/Assistant (Capstone Course)
Select two courses from the following:	
ENGL 1302	Composition II
HUMA 1301	Introduction to Humanities I
PHIL 1301	Introduction to Philosophy*
ENGL 2327	American Literature I*
HIST 2321	World Civilizations I
ARTS 1303	Art History I (Prehistoric to the 14 th Century)
PSYC 2314	Life Span Growth & Development
SOCI 1301	Introduction to Sociology
SOCI 1306	Social Problems
SOCI 2319	Minority Studies
PSYC 2301	General Psychology
ANTH 2351	Cultural Anthropology
CDEC 2326	Administration of Programs for Children I

Total Semester Hours – 48