

ECE - CD61: Child Development Specialist TCC (replaces CDEI: Child Development Specialist in the Quarter System)

The Early Childhood Care and Education Child Development Specialist certificate program is a sequence of five courses designed to prepare students for a variety of careers in the field of early childhood education. The program emphasizes the basics needed for a career in early childhood, but this TCC also includes more content about planning curriculum and working in the field. In addition, the student may complete a practicum and work in a childcare program. Graduates have qualifications to be employed in early care and education settings, including childcare centers and Head Start.

NOTE: To be employed in childcare centers, public schools, or Head Start centers, an individual must have a satisfactory criminal background check. Persons who have been convicted of a felony offense are not employable in this field. Evidence of a current satisfactory criminal record background check is required at the student's expense prior to participation in practicum.

Career Opportunities

Graduates may find employment as classroom assistants in private educational facilities and learning centers. (Bright from the Start recognizes this certificate as equivalent to a CDA for employment.)

Credit Required for Completion: Minimum of 14 credit hours

Curriculum

	Program Course	Credits
	<i>Occupational Courses</i>	
_____	ECCE 1101 Introduction to Early Childhood Care and Education	3
_____	ECCE 1103 Child Growth and Development	3
_____	ECCE 1105 Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
_____	ECCE 1112 Curriculum and Assessment	3
_____	ECCE 1121 Early Childhood Care and Education Practicum	3
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_____	EMPL 1000 Interpersonal Relations and Professional Development	(2)