



Child Development Specialist (CD61)—14 Credit Hours

Program Description:

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 may find employment in early care and education settings including childcare centers, Head Start, and Georgia Pre-K programs. Bright from the Start (BFTS), the regulatory agency in Georgia, requires the basic knowledge included in this TCC for a person to be a lead teacher in a childcare center and family day care center. (BFTS recognizes this certificate as equivalent to a CDA for employment.)

Current employees in a childcare center that hold a current CDA and CPR/First Aid (infant, child adult) card, contact program chair for possible course credits.

High School students what have taken ECCE classes and the NOCTI exam, contact program chair for possible course credits.

Contact:

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Website:

<https://www.westgatech.edu/program-explorer/early-childhood-care-and-education/>

Campus:

Courses may rotate on Carroll, Coweta, Douglas, LaGrange, and Online

Set the Track, Start the Track, Stay on Track

Meet with an Advising Coach to Stay on Track. S = Semester; CR = Credit Hours; FA = Fall; SP = Spring; SU = Summer; ALL=any semester

✓	Grade	Course	S	CR	Notes & Milestones
		ECCE 1101 Introduction to Early Childhood Care and Education	ALL	3	Prerequisite must be passed with a "C" or higher
		ECCE 1103 Child Growth and Development	ALL	3	
		ECCE 1105 Health Safety and Nutrition	ALL	3	
		ECCE 1112 Curriculum Assessment	ALL	3	
		ECCE 1112 Curriculum Assessment	ALL	3	
Choose One					
		EMPL 1000 Interpersonal Relations and Professional Development	ALL	2	Prerequisite ECCE 1105 *Contact ECCE faculty advisor to request registration *Must be 18 years old to register for this course
		-OR- ECCE 1121 Early Childhood Care and Education Practicum	FA, SP	3	
Always check online https://www.westgatech.edu/ and meet with your Advising or Faculty Coach to ensure you are viewing the latest and most accurate information.					

Note: If a course is full or unavailable when you attempt to register, please select an available course from any term listed, given you have satisfied the required pre-requisite.

Employment Opportunities: <https://www.westgatech.edu/student-life/career-services/>

Financial Aid by Program: <https://www.westgatech.edu/financial-aid/types-of-aid/>

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