CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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PROGRAM INFORMATION: The Child Development Program is designed to help prepare students to make a positive difference in the growing field of childcare. This program helps prepare successful graduates with the ability to understand the needs of young children including children with special needs and the ability to develop appropriate learning environments for them. Criteria for quality early childhood programs developed by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) have been incorporated into course content. The Associate of Applied Science Degree and three certificates are offered. Every student must complete and pass a background check, and be accepted into a licensed child care program to participate in classroom observations required by various courses in the program.
Students should contact the Department Chair for information on requirements for external learning hours.

FRESHMAN YEAR - FALL

COURSE SECTION	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
CDEC 1311	Educating Young Children	3
CDEC 1354	Child Growth & Development	3
CDEC 1303	Families, Schools, & Community	3
CDEC 1318	Wellness of the Young Child	3
CDEC 1319	Child Guidance	3
Fall Total Credit Hours		15

FRESHMAN YEAR - SPRING

COURSE SECTION	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
CDEC 1164	Practicum-Child Development	1
CDEC 1321	The Infant & Toddler	3
CDEC 1359	Children With Special Needs	3
CDEC 1413	Curriculum Resources for Early Childhood	4
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
Spring Total Credit Hours		14

SOPHOMORE YEAR - FALL

COURSE SECTION	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
CDEC 1356	Emergent Literacy for Early Childhood	3
CDEC 1358	Creative Arts for Early Childhood	3
CDEC 2341	The School Age Child	3
MATH 1332	Contemporary Mathematics (Quantitative Reasoning)	3
MATH 1314	or College Algebra	3
CDEC 2426	Administration of Programs for Children I	4
Fall Total Credit Hours		16

SOPHOMORE YEAR - SPRING

COURSE SECTION	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
CDEC 1265	Practicum-Child Development	2

COURSE SECTION	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
CDEC 2428	Administration of Programs for Children II	4
PSYC 2301	General Psychology	3
COSC 1301	Introduction to Computing	3
XXXX	Approved Language / Philosophy / Culture or Creative Arts	3
Spring Total Credit Hours		15
Program Total Credit Hours		60

Students should contact the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services for information on requirements to direct childcare centers.