

Child Development

Short-Term Certificate

Available: Phil Campbell and Shoals Campus

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This short-term certificate is designed to prepare students for employment in preschool programs. Emphasis is upon developing competency in guiding the experience of preschool children. Graduates may be employed as teachers or directors in private and public preschool programs and as aides in Head Start. Classes in this plan are designed to meet the Alabama state minimum standard qualifications for a director, program director, and teacher in a licensed child care center. This short-term certificate program offers the student background knowledge of all stages of child growth and development; training and practical experience in conducting all types of learning activities with children; knowledge and application of techniques in positive guidance and discipline, health, safety, and first aid practices; and a basic knowledge of the state minimum standards for daycare centers and homes.

Any person who is interested in the field or desires to enhance his or her knowledge in child care work and has a high school diploma or GED will be eligible for this short-term certificate.

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Entrance Requirements

- Submit a completed application;
- High School diploma or equivalent required;
- Age Requirement:
- Submit official high school/high school equivalent transcripts, if applicable;
- Submit official college transcripts, if applicable;
- Satisfy Placement Testing requirements.

Required Courses

Item #	Title	Credits
CHD 201	Child Growth and Development Principles	3
CHD 202	Children's Creative Experiences	3
CHD 203	Children's Literature and Language Development	3
CHD 204	Methods and Materials for Teaching Children	3
CHD 205	Program Planning for Educating Young Children	3
CHD 206	Children's Health and Safety	3
CHD 215	Supervised Practical Experience in Early Childhood Education	3

Electives

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Choose any two of the following courses:

Item #	Title	Credits
CHD 100	Introduction of Early Care and Education of Children	3
CHD 208	Administration of Child Development Programs	3
CHD 209	Infant and Toddler Education Programs	3
CHD 210	Educating Exceptional Young Children with Exceptional Needs	3
CHD 214	Families and Communities in Early Care and Education Programs	3
	Minimum Credit Hours for Graduation:	27