

**Child Care and Development  
Certificate of Proficiency – Level One**

Texas Southmost College  
Health Care, Career and Technical Education Division

The Child Development Early Childhood (CDEC) program is designed to provide instruction and field experience necessary for successful care and guidance of young children from birth to five years of age. Emphasis is on the importance and need for early childhood education and quality care of our children. The Child Care and Development program, an Occupational/Technical program, is in the division Health Care, Career and Technical Education. Students completing the CDEC program are prepared to work with children in child care centers, preschools, family care homes, Head Start and early intervention programs.

| <b>FIRST YEAR - FALL SEMESTER</b>                        | <b>CREDIT HOURS</b> |
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| CDEC 1318 Wellness of the Young Child .....              | 3                   |
| CDEC 1319 Child Guidance.....                            | 3                   |
| CDEC 1354 Child Growth and Development .....             | 3                   |
| CDEC 2326 Administration of Programs for Children I..... | 3                   |

| <b>FIRST YEAR - SPRING SEMESTER</b>                                  |   |
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| CDEC 1313 Curriculum Resources for Early Childhood Programs .....    | 3 |
| CDEC 2380 Cooperative Education - Child Care Provider/Assistant..... | 3 |
| CDEC 2328 Administration of Programs for Children II.....            | 3 |
| CDEC 1321 The Infant and Toddler.....                                | 3 |

**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS FOR GRADUATION - 24**

TSI Requirement (Texas Success Initiative - any other state-approved test) - Student must take all three sections of state-approved test to graduate with this degree.

A minimum grade of “C” must be obtained in each (CDEC) course required in the certificate plan.