



# Child Care and Development Certificate of Proficiency – Level One

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Texas Southmost College  
Division of Arts and Sciences

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. 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.

## Recommended Course Sequence

Core Courses	Credits	Suggested Semester/Year
CDEC 1318 Wellness of the Young Child	3	Fall/Year 1
CDEC 1200 Laboratory Experience: Child Growth and Development	2	Fall/Year 1
CDEC 1354 Child Growth and Development	3	Fall/Year 1
CDEC 2326 Administration of Programs for Children I	3	Fall/Year 1
CDEC 1313 Curriculum Resources for Early Childhood Programs	3	Spring/Year 1
CDEC 1321 The Infant and Toddler	3	Spring/Year 1
CDEC 2328 Administration of Programs for Children II	3	Spring/Year 1
CDEC 2380 Cooperative Education - Child Care Provider/Assistant	3	Spring/Year 1
<b>Total Credit Hours for Graduation</b>	<b>23</b>	

Check course core designation at the [Class Availability website](#).

This information is provided as an example only. You will develop a personalized plan with your Success Coach and faculty advisor/mentor that reflects your goals and interests. You are required to meet with an advisor each semester to ensure you are on track for graduation. This document does not contain all the information you need to stay on track for graduation.

A minimum grade of "C" must be obtained in each CDEC course required for graduation.

## Program Student Learning Outcomes

Program Student Learning Outcomes (PSLO) are statements that specify what students will know, be able to do or be able to demonstrate when they have completed the program.

1. Graduates of the Associate of Science Degree and Certificate in Child Care and Development Program will be able to analyze the principles of nutrition for young children.
2. Graduates of the Associate of Science Degree and Certificate in Child Care and Development Program will be able to discuss personal hygiene methods recommended by state's standards.
3. Graduates of the Associate of Science Degree and Certificate in Child Care and Development Program will be able to examine safety issues related to young children.