

## Early Education & Child Development (formerly Child & Family Studies) Diploma, Certificate & Associate of Science Degree

### Job Potential

Early education and child development professionals have a wide range of career opportunities that will allow them to work with infants, toddlers, school-age children and their families. Positions are available at child development centers, nursery schools, hospitals, group homes, therapeutic daycare and private and public schools.

CCAC offers six different options for those interested in early childhood education. All of these programs require students to be eligible for the Pennsylvania State Police criminal history clearance and the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare child abuse history clearance. Additionally, if required by a field/practicum site, students will need to obtain the FBI Criminal History Record Check (ACT 114).

- **Early Education and Child Development associate's degree:** provides a foundation for an entry-level position as a child care practitioner, an early childhood educational specialist or a director of a child care center.
- **Early Education and Child Development certificate:** prepares students to work as a child care assistant, nanny or as an early childhood educational assistant.
- **Child Development diploma:** available to students who only want specialized courses in this area as well as those who already

have a four-year degree but need courses to meet state certification requirements in early childhood education.

- **Child Care diploma:** provides a brief overview of early education practices, and students can apply for the Child Development Associate (CDA) designation.
- **Early Childhood Director diploma:** allows those who already have a bachelor's degree in early childhood education, child development, special education, elementary education or the human service field to acquire the knowledge needed to apply for the PA Key director credential. Students who have a bachelor's degree with 30 hours of credits in these areas may also apply.
- **Children with Special Needs diploma:** designed for students who are employed and are seeking specialized skills that will allow them to work effectively with children with special needs.

Employment of child care workers is projected to increase by 18 percent through 2016, which is faster than average for all occupations. The number of children being cared for exclusively by parents or relatives is likely to continue to decline, spurring demand for additional child care professionals.

### Affordable Quality Education

The variety of choices in this program prepares students for entry-level



employment and provides a foundation for long-range educational and professional goals.

Through classes and practicum experiences, students learn about the developmental needs of children, the activities and environments that promote growth and development, professionalism, family relationships, community agencies, resources and laws and regulations governing the welfare of children and their families.

For additional information on **CCAC's Early Education & Child Development program**, please call 412.369.4143 or email [earlychildhood@ccac.edu](mailto:earlychildhood@ccac.edu).

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# Early Education & Child Development

## Early Education & Child Development ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

First Semester		Credits
ECD101	Introduction to Early Education and Child Development	3
ECD103	Infant and Toddler Development	3
ECD107	Health and Safety of Children	3
ECD130P	Practicum: Infant and Toddler	3
ENG101	English Composition	3

Second Semester		Credits
ECD104	Preschool Development	3
ECD135P	Practicum: Preschool or Special Needs	3
ECD202	Children With Special Needs	3
ENG102	English Composition 2	3
SOC101	Introduction to Sociology	3

Third Semester		Credits
ECD/SOW	Restricted Elective*	3
	General Elective	3
	Mathematics Elective	3-4
PSY101	Introduction to Psychology	3
SOC201	Sociology of the Family	3

Fourth Semester		Credits
ECD240P	Practicum: Specialized or Advanced	3
ECD/SOW	Restricted Elective*	3
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SPH101	Oral Communications <b>OR</b>	3
SPH105	Discussion	3-4
	Science Elective	3-4

**Minimum credits required to graduate 60-62**

*Restricted Electives for Certificate and Associate's Degree		Credits
ECD111	Family Systems	3
ECD113	Middle Childhood and Adolescent Development	3
ECD210	Clinical Skills With Children	3
ECD214	Curriculum for Early Childhood Classroom	3
ECD218	Childcare Management and Administration	3
SOW120	Child Welfare	3
SOW130	Community Resources	3

## CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

First Semester		Credits
ECD101	Introduction to Early Education and Child Development	3
ECD103	Infant and Toddler Development	3
ECD107	Health and Safety of Children	3
ECD130P	Practicum: Infant and Toddler	3
	Restricted Elective*	3

Second Semester		Credits
ECD104	Preschool Development	3
ECD135P	Practicum: Preschool or Special Needs	3
ECD202	Children With Special Needs	3
	Restricted Elective*	3
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**Minimum credits required to graduate 30**

## Child Development DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

First Semester		Credits
ECD101	Introduction to Early Education and Childhood Development	3
ECD103	Infant and Toddler Development	3
ECD130P	Practicum: Infant and Toddler	3

Second Semester		Credits
CIT	Computer Information Elective	1-3
ECD104	Preschool Development	3
	Restricted Elective*	3

**Minimum credits required to graduate 16-18**

*Restricted Electives		Credits
ECD113	Middle Childhood and Adolescent Development	3
ECD214	Curriculum for the Early Childhood Classroom	3

## Child Care DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

First Semester		Credits
ECD101	Introduction to Early Education and Child Development	3
ECD103	Infant and Toddler Development <b>OR</b>	3
ECD104	Preschool Development	3
ECD107	Health and Safety of Children	3

**Minimum credits required to graduate 9**

## Early Childhood Director DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

First Semester		Credits
	Restricted Elective*	3

Second Semester		Credits
	Restricted Elective*	3

Third Semester		Credits
	Restricted Elective*	3

*Restricted Electives		Credits
BUS240	Small Business Management	3
ECD202	Children With Special Needs	3
ECD214	Curriculum for the Early Childhood Classroom	3
ECD218	Childcare Management and Administration	3

**Minimum credits required to graduate 9**

## Children With Special Needs DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

First Semester		Credits
ECD101	Introduction to Child and Family Studies	3
SOC101	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOW130	Community Resources	3

Second Semester		Credits
ECD135P	Practicum: Preschool or Special Needs	3
ECD202	Children With Special Needs	3
ECD111	Family Systems <b>OR</b>	3
ECD210	Clinical Skills With Children	3

**Minimum credits required to graduate 18**

For official program description and requirements, see program details at [www.ccac.edu](http://www.ccac.edu).