

Child Development Specialist Certificate (CD61)

DESCRIPTION

The Early Childhood Care and Education Child Development Specialist TCC is a sequence of five courses designed to prepare students for a variety of careers in the field of early childhood education. The program emphasizes the basics needed for a career in early childhood, but this TCC also includes more content about planning curriculum and working in the field. In addition, the student may complete a practicum and work in a child care program. Graduates have qualifications to be employed in early care and education settings including child care centers and Head Start.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of the Child Development Specialist certificate program are prepared for entry level employment as Child Development Specialists in child care centers, group child care, and preschool programs. This certificate satisfies DECALs proposed educational requirements for childcare employees (Rule 591-1-1-.31 staff).

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

1. Submit a completed application and application fee;
2. Be at least 16 years of age;
3. Submit official high school transcript or GED transcript;
4. Submit official college transcripts, if applicable;
5. Meet the following assessment requirements:

TEST	Reading	Writing	Numerical
COMPASS	70	32	26
SAT	430	NA	400
ACT	13	12	17

CHILD DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST CERTIFICATE CURRICULUM

The curriculum for the Child Development Specialist program is designed for the semester system. A student may enter the program any semester. To graduate, certificate-seeking students must earn a minimum of 14 semester credit hours. The program requires a minimum of 240 contact hours and generally takes 1 semester to complete.

<u>Program Courses</u>	<u>Credits</u>
ECCE 1101 - Introduction to Early Childhood Care and Education (OL)	3
ECCE 1103 - Child Growth and Development* (OL)	3
ECCE 1105 - Health, Safety and Nutrition* (OL)	3
ECCE 1112 - Curriculum and Assessment	3
Choose one of the following:	2
ECCE 1121 - Early Childhood Care and Education Practicum*	3
EMPL 1000 - Interpersonal Relations and Professional Development	2

*(OL) designation indicates course may be available online during selected semesters. * "C" or higher grade is required for this course.*

PROGRAM COSTS

Tuition/Fees: \$ \$1305
 Books/Supplies: \$650
 Uniform Costs: Approximately \$150
 Liability Insurance: \$11 per fiscal year
 Hepatitis B Series: \$80
 Criminal Background Check: \$25-\$50
Uniforms are required beginning 2nd semester.

(Costs are estimates and are subject to change.)

PRACTICUM EDUCATION

Number of Practicum Sites: 15

General Location of the Practicum Sites:

Bulloch, Evans, and Screven Counties

Special Requirements of the Practicum Sites:

6. CPR Certification; First Aid Training;
7. Beginning second semester, students must include documentation of Hepatitis B vaccination. Students who refuse the Hepatitis B vaccination series must sign a declination form. Forms will be provided by the instructor;
8. Criminal Background Check

Practicum Education Courses

The Child Development Specialist program provides students with an opportunity for in-depth application and reinforcement of principles and techniques in child care and school settings. The practicum allows the student to become involved in a professional work situation applying technical skills.

The practicum course requires that the student spend a minimum of 6 hours a week in a supervised work setting, for a total of 90 hours. For practicum courses, students are evaluated by the lead teacher/director and an early childhood care and education faculty member.

Practicum Assignments

Practicum times will vary depending on the site. Practicum sites are selected by the instructor. Students are responsible for having reliable transportation to the site.

TOP 10 REASONS

why OTC is the right choice for you!

1. Great-paying careers!
2. Strong **job placement!**
3. Affordable tuition with financial aid options you don't have to pay back!
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9. An Associate's Degree, diploma, or certificate in less 2 years or less!
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2. Review the Admissions Checklist and **APPLY** online at www.ogeecheetech.edu!
3. Plan for expenses. You can view tuition and fees and available financial aid options online as well.

QUESTIONS:

Contact Admissions at 912.688.6994 or via email at enrollmentservices@ogeecheetech.edu!

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