Child Development

Also see Child Development / Early Childhood and Associate of Arts in Teaching (AAT)

Program Options:
AAS - Child Development
OSA - Child Development Administration of Programs for Children
OSA - Child Development Associate Training
Certificate Level 1 - Child Development
Certificate Level 1 - Child Development Associate

Collin's Child Development program has received accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). It is the only program in Texas to have NAEYC accreditation and to also hold Exemplary Status with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The Child Development degree and certificate programs are designed to prepare individuals for continued coursework at a four-year university and for entry-level positions working with young children and their families.

The coursework can also be applicable as in-service training for teachers, administrators, nannies, and family day home providers. A developmental approach is emphasized which promotes optimal physical, social, emotional, and cognitive growth of children. Students learn management skills that allow them to provide quality programs in safe, nurturing environments.

The Child Development Associate (CDA) program provides performance-based training of childcare professionals who work with children from birth through age five. These caregivers demonstrate their ability to nurture children's physical, social, emotional, and intellectual growth in a child development framework.

Students planning to transfer to a college or university should check with Collin academic advisors. Also check the degree requirement of the intended transfer college prior to beginning this program to verify course degree applicability. Students who wish to obtain a bachelor's degree in Child Development should know that Texas Woman's University (TWU) accepts Collin College's AAS in Child Development and need to check with an advisor at TWU.

Note 1: TECA is the prefix for transfer courses.
Note 2: All CDEC and TECA courses, except TECA-1354, require the student to complete a weekly one-hour lab component.

Program Requirements
To participate in the Child Development Lab School and receive credit for the lab component of courses, the following requirements must be met:
1. Enroll in a Collin child development course. Click on the correct lab manual on the Child Development and Education Program website at: http://iws.collin.edu/childdevelopment related to the course the student is enrolled.
2. Within the first week of the first child development course, students must complete a mandatory child development-early childhood-education orientation and provide paperwork necessary to begin class, including, but not limited to, a copy of acceptable tuberculosis test results. Continuing students must submit acceptable tuberculosis results every year.
3. Complete and sign a student record form as a contract to ensure the following:
   - Verification that the student has read and agrees to abide by the Texas Minimum Standards for child care centers
   - Verification that the student has read and agrees to follow the laboratory student guidelines
   - Information provided to a criminal history check by the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services
   - Provide a notarized affidavit that confidentiality and professional discretion will be observed at all times
   - Personal release for videotaping for instructional purposes
   - Complete a Degree Plan (two-part document found on Collin’s website under Getting Started / Admissions / Forms or in the Admissions Office) and submit to an advisor

College records should always contain current personal information. It is the student’s responsibility to keep this information current.

If your program requires a criminal background check, your placement in a required clinical site, cooperative, practicum, internship, and/or licensure/certification opportunity may be impacted. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your program director and check with your licensing/certifying entity, if any, to determine your status.
AAS – Child Development
60 credit hours

FIRST YEAR
First Semester
CDEC 1319  Child Guidance
CDEC 1323  Observation and Assessment
ENGL 1301  Composition I
TECA 1311  Educating Young Children
TECA 1354  Child Growth and Development

Second Semester
CDEC 1270  Introduction to Teaching ESL
EDUC 1300  Learning Frameworks
GEN ED  Social / Behavioral Sciences course
SPCH 1311  Introduction to Speech Communication
(See Speech Options)
TECA 1303  Families, School, and Community

SECOND YEAR
First Semester
CDEC 1313  Curriculum Resources for Early Childhood Programs
CDEC 1359  Children with Special Needs
CDEC 2304  Child Abuse and Neglect
CDEC 2371  Using Technology in the Classroom
TECA 1318  Wellness of the Young Child
ELECTIVE *

Second Semester
CDEC 1358  Creative Arts for Early Childhood
CDEC 2166  Practicum - Child Care Provider / Assistant (Capstone)
GEN ED  Humanities / Fine Arts course
GEN ED  Mathematics / Natural Sciences course
ELECTIVE *

* Electives (6 credit hours): CDEC-1317, CDEC-1321, CDEC-1385, CDEC-2307, CDEC-2322, CDEC-2324, CDEC-2326, CDEC-2328, CDEC-2336, or CDEC-2340

OSA – Child Development
Administration of Programs for Children
9 credit hours
CDEC 2326  Administration of Programs for Children I
CDEC 2328  Administration of Programs for Children II
CDEC 2336  Administration of Programs for Children III

Note: Some of the courses in this award program may require prerequisites. Please check the course descriptions.

OSA – Child Development Associate Training
9 credit hours
CDEC 1317  Child Development Associate Training I
CDEC 2322  Child Development Associate Training II
CDEC 2324  Child Development Associate Training III

Note: Some of the courses in this award program may require prerequisites. Please check the course descriptions.

Certificate Level 1 – Child Development
27 credit hours

FIRST YEAR
First Semester
CDEC 1313  Curriculum Resources for Early Childhood Programs
CDEC 1323  Observation and Assessment
TECA 1311  Educating Young Children
TECA 1354  Child Growth and Development

Second Semester
CDEC 1319  Child Guidance
CDEC 1359  Children with Special Needs
CDEC 1270  Introduction to Teaching ESL
CDEC 2166  Practicum - Child Care Provider / Assistant (Capstone)
TECA 1303  Families, School and Community
Certificate Level 1 – Child Development Associate
16 credit hours

CDEC 1317  Child Development Associate Training I
CDEC 2166  Practicum - Child Care Provider / Assistant (Capstone)
CDEC 2322  Child Development Associate Training II
CDEC 2324  Child Development Associate Training III
TECA 1318  Wellness of the Young Child
TECA 1354  Child Growth and Development