Child Development / Early Childhood

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

Program Options:
Certificate Level 1 - Early Childhood Educator
Certificate Level 1 - Infant and Toddler Educator

Collin's Child Development-Early Childhood 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 A.A.S. degree and child development and child development-early childhood certificate programs are designed to prepare individuals for entry-level and administrative 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.

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. You may wish to look into the Associate of Arts in Teaching degree.

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

Our 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.

Certificate Level 1 – Early Childhood Educator
(This certificate covers Special Education from Infancy through the School-Age child.)
28 credit hours

First Semester
CDEC 1319 Child Guidance
CDEC 1323 Observation and Assessment
CDEC 1359 Children with Special Needs
TECA 1311 Educating Young Children
TECA 1354 Child Growth and Development

Second Semester
CDEC 2166 Practicum - Child Care
Provider / Assistant (Capstone)
CDEC 2304 Child Abuse and Neglect
CDEC 2340 Instructional Techniques for Children with Special Needs
TECA 1303 Families, School, and Community
TECA 1318 Wellness of the Young Child

Please refer to http://www.collin.edu/academics/programs/index.html for the most current information.
**Certificate Level 1 – Infant and Toddler Educator**  
25 credit hours

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