Child Development Specialist (CD61)—14 Credit Hours

Program Description:
The Early Childhood Care and Education Child Development Specialist certificate program 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 childcare program. Graduates may find employment in early care and education settings including childcare centers, Head Start, and Georgia Pre-K programs. Bright from the Start (BFTS), the regulatory agency in Georgia, requires the basic knowledge included in this TCC for a person to be a lead teacher in a childcare center and family day care center. (Bright from the Start recognizes this certificate as equivalent to a CDA for employment.)

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Certificate Requirements

Program Specific

- Current employees in a childcare center that hold a current CDA and CPR/First Aid (infant, child adult) card, contact program chair for possible course credits.
- High School students what have taken ECE classes and the NOCTI exam, contact program chair for possible course credits.
- Courses may rotate among the following locations: Carroll, Coweta, Douglas, LaGrange and Online
- State aid only

Set the Track, Start the Track, Stay on Track

Meet with an Advising Coach to Stay on Track. S = Semester; CR = Credit Hours; FA = Fall; SP = Spring; SU = Summer; ALL=any semester

✓	Grade	Course Names	S	CR	Notes & Milestones
		ECCE 1101 Introduction to Early Childhood Care and Education	ALL	3	
		ECCE 1103 Child Growth and Development	ALL	3	
		ECCE 1105 Health Safety and Nutrition	ALL	3	
		ECCE 1112 Curriculum Assessment	ALL	3	**Prerequisite/ Corequisite:** ECCE 1103
		ECCE 1121 Early Childhood Care and Education Practicum -OR- EMPL 1000 Interpersonal Relations and Professional Development	FA SP ALL	3 2	**Prerequisite**: ECCE 1105
				15	**Program Semester Hours**

Always check online https://www.westgatech.edu/ and meet with your Advising or Faculty Coach to ensure you are viewing the latest and most accurate information.

Note: If a course is full or unavailable when you to attempt to register, please select an available course from any term listed, given you have satisfied the required pre-requisite.

Employment Opportunities: https://www.westgatech.edu/student-life/career-services/

Financial Aid by Program: https://www.westgatech.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/WGTC-Available-Aid-By-Program-11-17-2023.pdf

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