

UA Cossatot

CHILD DEVELOPMENT Certificate of Proficiency: 12 Credits

GRADE	CHILD DEVELOPMENT	HOURS
	ECTC1003 Foundation Early Childhood Education	3
	EDUC2003 Child Growth & Development	3
	ECTC2703 Preschool Curriculum	3
	ECTC2603 Practicum I	3
Total Child Development		12

PROGRAM INFORMATION: This certificate is a 120 contact hour program based on the educational requirements preparatory to the Child Development Associate (CDA) program governed by the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition. The courses cover positive ways to advance children's physical, intellectual, social, and emotional development, planning safe, healthy learning environments, strategies to establish productive relationships with families, managing effective program operations, principles of child growth and development, and observing and recording children's behavior. Students may choose to pursue CDA credentialing through the Council following completion of the coursework, demonstrating competence in a licensed childcare program and being observed by an advisor in this setting, completing a professional portfolio, parent opinion questionnaires, and applying to complete a written and oral assessment administered by the council.

CAREER OPTIONS: Students completing the Child Development program are likely to find employment in schools, businesses, private households, and childcare institutions performing tasks such as dressing, feeding, bathing, and overseeing play of young children.

TRANSFER OPTIONS:

- Arkansas Tech University (ATU) to complete a Bachelor of Professional Studies.
- If planning to transfer to an institution other than the ones listed above, students may visit <https://acts.adhe.edu/studenttransfer.aspx> to inquire about transferability of courses to any Arkansas college or university.