

Child Development, A.A.S.

Program Code

AAS-CDVA

CIP

19.0708

Type

A.A.S.

This program is designed primarily for students who plan to seek employment in preschool or school-age programs. All students are required to complete the General Education Core Requirements and the Child Development Common Core courses.

The program is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

The major CHD courses are offered once a year either in Huntsville or Decatur, in a variety of formats (hybrid and/or online). To optimize learning, it is recommended that students take a mixture of CHD and general education courses. Full-time students can complete an associate degree in child development within two years.

Special Requirements for Childhood Development Program

Field experiences: Students enrolled in CHD courses are required to participate in field experience assignments, which involve visits to a variety of child care settings. In order to participate in field experience opportunities, students must meet the Alabama Department of Human Resource (DHR) licensing requirements, including a criminal history background check. For more information, contact the Alabama Department of Human Resources at (334) 242-1435 or visit <https://dhr.alabama.gov/child-care/instructions-for-child-care-licensing-background-checks/> (select 'Child Care Licensing Criminal History Background Check'). Students are responsible for the criminal history background check fee.

Child Development Associate Credential (CDA)

Students interested in earning college credit while obtaining the CDA credential may take the following three child development courses:

CHD100 Introduction of Early Care and Education of Children (3 credits)

CHD 204 Methods and Materials for Teaching Children (3 credits)

CHD 206 Children's Health and Safety (3 credits)

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GENERAL EDUCATION CORE REQUIREMENTS

Item #	Title	Credits
ORI 110	Freshman Seminar	1
ENG 101	English Composition I	3
ENG 102	English Composition II	3
	MTH 100 or higher	3-4
	Fine Arts Elective (CHD)	3
	SPH 106 or SPH 107	3
BIO 103	Principles of Biology I	4
CIS 146	Computer Applications	3
	History Elective (3 credits)	3
PSY 200	General Psychology	3

MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Item #	Title	Credits
CHD 100	Introduction of Early Care and Education of Children	3
CHD 202	Children's Creative Experiences	3
CHD 203	Children's Literature and Language Development	3
CHD 204	Methods and Materials for Teaching Children	3
CHD 205	Program Planning for Educating Young Children	3
CHD 206	Children's Health and Safety	3
CHD 209	Infant and Toddler Education Programs	3
CHD 210	Educating Children with Exceptional Needs	3
CHD 214	Families and Communities in Early Childcare and Education Programs	3
CHD 215	Supervised Practical Experiences in Child Development	3
	Program Electives - Child Development	6-7
CHD 201	Child Growth and Development Principles	3

Specialization: Administration (Optional)

Item #	Title	Credits
CHD 208	Administration of Child Development Programs	3
BUS 263	The Legal and Social Environment of Business	3
BUS 275	Principles of Management	3
BUS 276	Human Resource Management	3
	Total Credits	68-70