The Child Development program prepares students for employment in the field of Early Care and Education of children. The program is designed to provide students with the skills and knowledge to work effectively with young children and families. Graduates may be employed as administrators in private preschool programs; as teachers in state pre-kindergarten programs, preschool programs, Head Start, and Early Head Start programs; or as aides in public school systems.

Students can pursue a program certificate or degree in one of two concentrations, short certificate, or a CDA Educational Requirement Certificate. The Administrator concentration includes a general background in Child Development, Business Management, and Childcare Administration skills development. The Educarer concentration focuses on developing competencies involved in the direct care of young children. Both concentrations are designed to allow students to develop a broad base of competencies that will prepare them to guide experiences of children from birth through early childhood. The short certificate is designed to prepare students to enter the field of Early Care and Education and to be an intermediate step for those working toward the program certificate or degree.

Admission is conditional and depends on the student’s ability to perform the essential functions identified for this program. Reasonable accommodations are considered.

**Note:** Wallace Community College has articulation agreements with The University of Alabama’s College of Human Environmental Sciences and Athens State University’s College of Education. Through these agreements, Wallace Community College Child Development graduates may maximize transfer of course credits and complete most of their four-year degree requirements through distance education opportunities.

### DEGREE CURRICULUM

**Area I:** *Written and Oral Communications* 9
- ENG 101 English Composition I 3
- ENG 102 English Composition II 3
- SPH 106 Fundamentals of Oral Communication OR
- SPH 107 Fundamentals of Public Speaking 3

**Area II:** *Humanities and Fine Arts* 3
- Humanities/Fine Arts Elective 3

**Area III:** *Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Computer Science* 10
- BIO 103 Principles of Biology I 4
- CIS 146 Microcomputer Applications 3
- MTH 116 Mathematical Applications or higher 3

**Area IV:** *History, Social and Behavioral Sciences* 6
- PSY 200 General Psychology 3
- Social and Behavioral Science Elective 3

**Area V:** *Career and Technical Courses* 38
- ORI 101 Orientation to College OR

**Child Development Core Requirements**
- CHD 100 Introduction to Early Care and Education of Children 3
- CHD 201 Child Growth and Development Principles 3
- CHD 203 Children’s Literature and Language Development 3
- CHD 204 Methods and Materials for Teaching Young Children 3
- CHD 205 Program Planning for Educating Young Children 3
- CHD 206 Children’s Health and Nutrition 3
- CHD 210 Educating Exceptional Children 3
- CHD 214 Families and Communities in Early Care and Education Programs 3
- CHD 215 Supervised Practical Experience in Child Development 3

**Total Core Credits** 27

**ADMINISTRATOR CONCENTRATION**

**Area V:** *Required Field of Concentration Courses* 9
- CHD 208 Administration of Child Development Programs 3

**Select two of the following:**
- BUS 186 Elements of Supervision 3
- BUS 263 The Legal and Social Environment of Business 3
- BUS 275 Principles of Management 3
- BUS 279 Small Business Management 3

**Total Administrator Credits** 9

**Total Credits for Degree** 66-68

**EDUCARER CONCENTRATION**

**Area V:** *Required Field of Concentration Courses* 9
- CHD 202 Children’s Creative Experiences 3
- CHD 209 Infant and Toddler Education Programs OR
- CHD 217 Math and Science for Young Children 3
- CHD 220 Parenting Skills 3

**Total Educarer Credits** 9

**Total Credits for Degree** 66-68

**CERTIFICATE CURRICULUM**

**Area I:** *Written and Oral Communications* 6
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- ORI 105 Orientation and Student Success 1-3
- ORI 104 WorkKeys® Assessment and Advisement 1

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**Administrator Concentration**

**Course** | **Credit Hours**
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Select two of the following:
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Total Administrator Credits 9
Total Credits for Certificate 50-52

**Educator Concentration**

**Course** | **Credit Hours**
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Total Educator Credits 9
Total Credits for Certificate 52

**Administrator Associate in Applied Science Degree**

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**Educarer Certificate**  
**Suggested Course Sequence—Year Two**

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CHD 205  
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**Note:** Basic Cardiopulmonary Life Support (BCLS) certification is required prior to participating in laboratory experiences at childcare centers. Students can take the course through the College by registering for EMS 100 concurrently with the initial registration in Child Development (CHD) courses.

**SHORT CERTIFICATE CURRICULUM**

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**SHORT CERTIFICATE CURRICULUM**  
(CDA Educational Requirement Certificate)

Students interested in meeting the educational component of the nationally recognized Child Development credential in a formal educational setting may take the following courses. The credentialing exam and associated fees are administered by the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition.

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