

# CHILD DEVELOPMENT (CHD)

## (Wallace and Sparks Campuses)

The Child Development program prepares students for employment in the field of Early Care and Education. 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.

Students completing Child Development core requirements; all courses in a particular area of concentration; as well as CIS 146, ENG 101, MTH 116, and SPH 106 or 107 will be awarded a program certificate. Those who complete the Child Development core requirements, the General Education core requirements, and all courses in a particular area of concentration will receive the associate in applied science 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

Course	Credit Hours
<b>Area I: Written and Oral Communications</b>	<b>9</b>
ENG 101 English Composition I	3
ENG 102 English Composition II	3
SPH 106 Fundamentals of Oral Communication <b>OR</b>	
SPH 107 Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
<b>Area II: Humanities and Fine Arts</b>	<b>3</b>
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3

<b>Area III: Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Computer Science</b>	<b>10</b>
BIO 103 Principles of Biology I	4
CIS 146 Microcomputer Applications	3
MTH 116 Mathematical Applications or higher	3
<b>Area IV: History, Social and Behavioral Sciences</b>	<b>6</b>
PSY 200 General Psychology	3
Social and Behavioral Science Elective	3
<b>Area V: Career and Technical Courses</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Required Orientation Courses</b>	
ORI 101 Orientation to College <b>OR</b>	
ORI 105 Orientation and Student Success	1-3
ORI 104 WorkKeys® Assessment and Advisement	1
<b>Child Development Core Requirements</b>	
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
<b>Total Core Credits</b>	<b>27</b>

### ADMINISTRATOR CONCENTRATION

Course	Credit Hours
<b>Area V: Required Field of Concentration Courses</b>	<b>9</b>
CHD 208 Administration of Child Development Programs	3
<b>Select two of the following:</b>	
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
<b>Total Administrator Credits</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Total Credits for Degree</b>	<b>66</b>

### EDUCARER CONCENTRATION

Course	Credit Hours
<b>Area V: Required Field of Concentration Courses</b>	<b>9</b>
CHD 202 Children's Creative Experiences	3
CHD 209 Infant and Toddler Education Programs <b>OR</b>	
CHD 217 Math and Science for Young Children	3
CHD 220 Parenting Skills	3
<b>Total Educarer Credits</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Total Credits for Degree</b>	<b>66</b>

**Administrator**  
**Associate in Applied Science Degree**  
**Suggested Course Sequence—Year One**

<b>FIRST SEMESTER</b>	<b>SECOND SEMESTER</b>	<b>THIRD SEMESTER</b>
CHD 100	BUS 186	CHD 201
CHD 204	CHD 203	CHD 206
CIS 146	CHD 208	CHD 210
ORI 101 or 105	ENG 101	ENG 102
ORI 104	PSY 200	
SPH 106 or 107		

**Administrator**  
**Associate in Applied Science Degree**  
**Suggested Course Sequence—Year Two**

<b>FIRST SEMESTER</b>	<b>SECOND SEMESTER</b>
BIO 103	CHD 215
BUS 263	MTH 116
CHD 205	Social Science Elective
CHD 214	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective

**Educator**  
**Associate in Applied Science Degree**  
**Suggested Course Sequence—Year One**

<b>FIRST SEMESTER</b>	<b>SECOND SEMESTER</b>	<b>THIRD SEMESTER</b>
CHD 100	CHD 202	CHD 201
CHD 204	CHD 203	CHD 206
ORI 101 or 105	CHD 209	CHD 210
ORI 104	ENG 101	ENG 102
SPH 106 or 107	PSY 200	

**Educator**  
**Associate in Applied Science Degree**  
**Suggested Course Sequence—Year Two**

<b>FIRST SEMESTER</b>	<b>SECOND SEMESTER</b>
BIO 103	CHD 215
CHD 205	MTH 116
CHD 214	Social Science Elective
CHD 220	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective

**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**

<b>Course</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
<b>Area V: Required Field of Concentration Courses</b>	<b>24</b>
CHD 100 Introduction to Early Care and Education of Children	3
CHD 201 Child Growth and Development Principles	3
CHD 202 Children's Creative Experiences	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 214	Families and Communities in Early Care and Education Programs	3
CHD 215	Supervised Practical Experience in Child Development	3
<b>Total Credits for Short Certificate</b>		<b>24</b>

**Child Development**  
**Short Certificate**  
**Suggested Course Sequence**

<b>FIRST SEMESTER</b>	<b>SECOND SEMESTER</b>	<b>THIRD SEMESTER</b>
CHD 100	CHD 202	CHD 201
CHD 204	CHD 203	CHD 215
CHD 214	CHD 205	

**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.

<b>Course</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
<b>Area V: Required Field of Concentration Courses</b>	<b>9</b>
CHD 100 Introduction to Early Care and Education of Children	3
CHD 204 Methods and Materials for Teaching Children	3
<b>Select one of the following:</b>	
CHD 201 Child Growth and Development Principles	3
CHD 202 Children's Creative Experiences <b>OR</b>	
CHD 209 Infant and Toddler Education Programs	3
<b>Total Credits for Short Certificate</b>	<b>9</b>