

# CHILD DEVELOPMENT

## CERTIFICATE

### Guided Pathway/Map

**NOTE:** The Guided Pathway below contains all the coursework required for degree/certificate completion. However, courses may be offered or taken in other semesters as long as prerequisites are met. Courses may be available days, nights, hybrid, and online.

	Course #	Course Name	Sem. Hours
Semester 1	ORI101/ ORI105/ ORT100	College Orientation OR Orientation and Student Success OR Orientation for Career Students	1 - 3
	ENG101	English Composition I	3
	CHD100	Introduction to Early Care and Education of Children	3
	CHD201	Child Growth and Development Principles	3
	CHD202/ CHD209/ CHD210/ CHD222	Children's Creative Experience OR Infant and Toddler Education Programs OR Educating Exception Children OR Social Studies for Children	3
		<b>Eligible for CDA Certification</b>	Semester Total:13-15
Semester 2	MTH116	Mathematical Applications OR Higher Math	3
	CHD203	Children's Literature and Language Development	3
	CHD204	Methods and Materials for Teaching Your Children	3
	CIS146	Microcomputer Applications	3
			Semester Total: 12
Semester 3	SPH106 OR SPH107	Fundamentals of Oral Communication OR Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
	CHD206	Children's Health and Nutrition	3
	CHD213	Child Development Trends Seminar	3
	CHD214	Families and Communities in Early Care and Education Programs	3
	CHD217	Math and Science for Young Children	3
		<b>Eligible for State of Alabama Child Abuse Mandated Reporter Training Certification</b>	Semester Total: 15

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		Eligible for Certificate in Child Development	Total: 40-42
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## Child Development Field Experience Requirements

As a Child Development student, you will be expected to complete field experience observation and participation in childcare programs throughout your CHD courses. According to the Child Care Licensing and Performance Standards for Day Care and Nighttime Centers Regulations and Procedures from the Alabama Department of Human Resources, staff including substitutes and volunteers must meet the following minimum qualifications for records (page 42-43).

### Required records include:

- DHR staff application (DH-CDC-1947)
- Three references (DHR-CDC-1948)
- Request for Clearance of State Central Registry on Child Abuse/Neglect (DHR-DFC-1598)
- Criminal History Background Check including Alabama Bureau of Investigations Fingerprint Clearance (Code of Alabama 1975, Title 38, Chapter 13, effective November 1, 2000)
- Medical examination including TB Test (DHR-CDC-737)
- CPR certification (*Students can take the course through the College by registering for EMS 100 concurrently with the initial registration in Child Development (CHD) courses.*)

***Students cannot begin field experience observation and participation in childcare programs until CHD instructor has verified records. Students will keep records in their Student Learning Opportunities (SLO) Portfolio and make them available to CHD instructors each semester.***