PATHWAYS
Your Guide to Completion

		CHILD DEVELOPMENT Certificate	
	Course #	**Course Name**	**Credit Hours**
Semester 1	ORI 101/	Orientation to College **OR**	1 - 3
	ORI 105/	Orientation and Student Success **OR**	
	ORT 100	Orientation for Career Students	
	ENG 101	English Composition I	3
	CHD 100	Introduction to Early Care and Education of Children	3
	CHD 201	Child Growth and Development Principles	3
	CHD 202/	Children's Creative Experience **OR**	3
	CHD 209/	Infant and Toddler Education Programs **OR**	
	CHD 210/	Educating Exception Children **OR**	
	CHD 222	Social Studies for Children	
		Eligible for CDA Certification **ELIGIBLE FOR STACKABLE STC - Pre-K Endorsement**	**Semester Total: 13-15**
Semester 2	MTH 116	Mathematical Applications OR Higher Math	3
	CHD 203	Children's Literature and Language Development	3
	CHD 204	Methods and Materials for Teaching Your Children	3
	CIS 146	Microcomputer Applications	3
			Semester Total: 12
Semester 3	SPH 106/	Fundamentals of Oral Communication **OR**	3
	SPH 107	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
	CHD 206	Children's Health and Nutrition	3
	CHD 213	Child Development Trends Seminar	3
	CHD 214	Families and Communities in Early Care and Education Programs	3
	CHD 217	Math and Science for Young Children	3
		Eligible for State of Alabama Child Abuse Mandated Reporter Training Certification	**Semester Total: 15**
		ELIGIBLE FOR CERT - Child Development	**Program Total: 40-42**

NOTE: The Guided Pathway provided above includes all the necessary coursework for degree/certificate fulfillment. However, courses can be offered or taken in alternate semesters, provided prerequisites are fulfilled. Courses may be scheduled during daytime, evening, hybrid, or online sessions. For specific course requirements, consult the **ALABAMA TRANSFERS GUIDE @ https://alabamatransfers.com** or contact the transfer institution.

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