

Child Development



Child development refers to the process through which human beings typically grow and mature from infancy through adulthood. The different aspects of growth and development that are measured include physical growth, cognitive growth, and social growth. Child development focuses on the changes that take place in humans as they mature from birth to about age 17.

What Will I Learn?

Students will be prepared for entry-level positions working with young children and their families. A developmental approach is emphasized, which promotes optimal physical, cognitive, social and emotional growth of children.

Students gain practical knowledge and skills necessary for effective communication, teaching, guidance and motivation of young children as well as for interacting with parents.

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"What Can I Do With This Course of Study?"

An advanced degree in Child Development leads to careers such as:

- Preschool Teacher
- Child Advocate
- Special Education Paraprofessional
- Childcare Center Director
- Family Support Specialist
- Child Life Specialist

AAS: Child Development

Foundations: These are the courses students need in order to progress in their career/college pathway, as they either provide a certificate or lay the groundwork for moving to the next set of courses.

Course	Course Title	Counts Toward Certificate
CDEC 1317	Child Development Associate Training I	EDCDM1
CDEC 2322	Child Development Associate Training II	EDCDM1
CDEC 2324	Child Development Associate Training III	EDCDM1
EDUC 1200	Learning Frameworks	
CDEC 1313	Curriculum Resources for Early Childhood Programs	EDCDA1; EDCDC1
CDEC 1319	Child Guidance	EDCDC1
CDEC 1356	Emergent Literacy for Early Childhood	EDCDC1
TECA 1354	Child Growth and Development	EDCDA1

Knowledge Building: These courses further the students' knowledge in the area of study and increase their preparation for the degree completion.

Course	Course Title	Counts Toward Certificate
CDEC 2326	Administration of Programs for Young Children I	EDCDA1
CDEC 2328	Administration of Programs for Young Children II	EDCDA1
CDEC 2307	Math and Science for Early Childhood	EDCDC1
CDEC 1359	Children with Special Needs	EDCDA1
TECA 1303	Family, School, Community	
TECA 1311	Educating Young Children	EDCDC1
TECA 1318	Wellness of the Young Child	

Completion: These are the courses the student needs in order to complete the degree plan and prepare to enter the workforce.

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CDEC 2166	Practicum
ENGL 1301	English Composition I
ARTS/LPC	Suggested: ARTS 1301Other options at Lee: ARCH 1311, ARTS 1303, ARTS 1304, DRAM 1310, DRAM 2366, MUSI 1306, MUSI 1310,
SPCH	Suggested: SPCH 1315 Options: SPCH 1311, SPCH 1321, SPCH 1318
MATH 1314/1332	Suggested: MATH 1332 Options: MATH 1314
SBS	Suggested: SOCI 1301Other options at Lee: ECON 2301, ECON 2302, GEOG 1303, PSYC 2301

AAS: Child Development — Transfer Plan, UHCL

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Course	Course Title	Counts Toward Certificate	UHCL
CDEC 1317	Child Development Associate Training I	EDCDM1	
CDEC 2322	Child Development Associate Training II	EDCDM1	
CDEC 2324	Child Development Associate Training III	EDCDM1	
EDUC 1200	Learning Frame Works		PSYC 1100
CDEC 1313	Curriculum Resources for Early Childhood Programs	EDCDA1; EDCDC1	
CDEC 1319	Child Guidance	EDCDC1	
CDEC 1356	Emergent Literacy for Early Childhood	EDCDC1	
TECA 1354	Child Growth and Development	EDCDA1	EDEC 1354

Knowledge Building: These courses further the students' knowledge in the area of study and increase their preparation for the degree completion.

Course	Course Title	Counts Toward Certificate	UCL
CDEC 2326	Administration of Programs for Young Children I	EDCDA1	
CDEC 2328	Administration of Programs for Young Children II	EDCDA1	
CDEC 2307	Math and Science for Early Childhood	EDCDC1	
CDEC 1359	Children with Special Needs	EDCDA1	
TECA 1303	Family, School, Community		ECED 1303
TECA 1311	Educating Young Children	EDCDC1	ECED 1311
TECA 1318	Wellness of the Young Child		ECED 1318

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CDEC 2166	Practicum		
ENGL 1301	English Composition I		WRIT 1301
ARTS/LPC	Suggested: ARTS 1301 Other options at Lee: ARCH 1311, ARTS 1303, ARTS 1304, DRAM 1310, DRAM 2366, MUSI 1306, MUSI 1310		ARTS CORE
SPCH	Suggested: SPCH 1315 Options: SPCH 1311, SPCH 1321, SPCH 1318		COMM 1315
MATH 1314 / 1332	Suggested: MATH 1332 Options: MATH 1314		MATH 1332
SBS	Suggested: SOCI 1301 Other options at Lee: ECON		SBS CORE

2301, ECON 2302,
GEOG 1303, PSYC
2301

**Additional: The courses below are beyond the AAS,
but are available at Lee College and transfer to UHCL**

SUBJECT	Course Options	UHCL
ENGL	1302	WRIT 1302
HIST	1301	HIST 1301
HIST	1302	HIST 1302
GOVT	2305	POLS 2305
GOVT	2306	POLS 2306
Life and Physical Sciences	Suggested: BIOL 1406 or BIOL 1408 or ENVR 1401 Other Options at Lee: BIOL 1407, BIOL 1409, BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, BIOL 2416, BIOL 2421, CHEM 1405, CHEM 1411, CHEM 1412, CHEM 2423, CHEM 2425, ENVR 1402, GEOL 1347, GEOL 1403, GEOL 1404, GEOL 1405, GEOL 1447, PHYS 1317, PHYS 1401, PHYS 1402, PHYS 1403, PHYS 1404, PHYS 1405, PHYS 1407, PHYS 1415, PHYS 1417, PHYS 2425, PHYS 2426	BIOL 1306/BIOL 1106 or BIOL 1308/BIOL 1108 or ENVR 1301/ENVR 1101 (Life Science)
Life and Physical Sciences	Suggested: PHYS 1415 Other Options at Lee: BIOL 1406, BIOL 1407, BIOL 1408, BIOL 1409, BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, BIOL 2416, BIOL 2421, CHEM 1405, CHEM 1411, CHEM 1412, CHEM 2423, CHEM 2425, ENVR 1401, ENVR 1402, GEOL 1347, GEOL 1403, GEOL 1404, GEOL 1405, GEOL 1447, PHYS 1317, PHYS 1401, PHYS 1402, PHYS 1403, PHYS 1404, PHYS 1405, PHYS 1407, PHYS 1417, PHYS 2425, PHYS 2426	Science course (Earth Science)

EDCDA1: Certificate of Completion — Child Development Administrator

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CDEC 1313	Curriculum Resources for Early Childhood Programs	EDCDA1
TECA 1354	Child Growth and Development	EDCDA1

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Course	Course Title	Counts Toward Certificate
CDEC 2326	Administration of Programs for Young Children I	EDCDA1
CDEC 2328	Administration of Programs for Young Children II	EDCDA1
CDEC 1359	Children with Special Needs	EDCDA1

EDCDC1: Certificate of Completion — Child Development Curriculum Specialist

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Course	Course Title	Counts Toward Certificate
CDEC 1313	Curriculum Resources for Early Childhood Programs	EDCDC1
CDEC 1319	Child Guidance	EDCDC1
CDEC 1356	Emergent Literacy for Early Childhood	EDCDC1

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Course	Course Title	Counts Toward Certificate
CDEC 2307	Math and Science for Early Childhood	EDCDC1

EDCDM1: Certificate of Completion — Child Development Associate Training Marketable Skills

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CDEC 1317	Child Development Associate Training I	EDCDM1
CDEC 2322	Child Development Associate Training II	EDCDM1
CDEC 2324	Child Development Associate Training III	EDCDM1

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