

CHILD DEVELOPMENT, ASSOCIATE TRAINING FOR DIRECTOR, OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATE



Program Information

Do you have a passion for shaping the future? Do you desire to inspire the youth around you because of your passion? If so, San Jacinto College's Child Development program is designed for students like you who want to have a profound, positive effect on society through our children. Our program offers the knowledge and technical skills you need to enter the child development profession and serves as a launching pad to a four-year bachelor's degree program in education. Are you ready for the future?

The San Jacinto College Child Development/Early Childhood (CDEC) studies program is designed to develop basic skills, attitudes, and competencies necessary for personnel to provide high-quality care in a variety of early childhood programs.

Students who take CDEC classes that require lab hours and/or the following TECA classes: TECA 1303 Families, School and Community, TECA 1311 Educating Young Children, TECA 1318 Wellness of the Young Child, and TECA 1354 Child Growth and Development, must complete a field experience as a part of the course. Field experiences consist of official, scheduled observation hours at one of the following: 1) a licensed early childhood setting; 2) the Central campus SJC Child Development Lab School (NAEYC Accredited); or 3) the North campus Bezos Academy. Each course requires a specific number of field experience hours, and hours cannot be used for other CDEC/TECA courses.

Career Opportunities

Students who receive an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in CDEC pursue careers in:

- Teaching,
- Directing and/or owning an early childhood program for profit or non-profit,
- Teaching in a family day home setting,

- Becoming a nanny,
- Teaching in a church-related program or government facilities,
- Working at a children's museum, and
- Working in an early childhood intervention program.

Earning Potential

Preschool teacher: \$38,742¹

Education administrator, kindergarten through secondary: \$98,815¹

¹ Source: texaswages.com (<http://texaswages.com>), median salary Gulf Coast region, 2023

For more information, students may contact Central campus, 281-476-1867, or North campus, 281-459-7635.

Campuses

Central Campus
North Campus

San Jac Online

Information

The College designed the Child Development/Early Childhood Education (CDEC) Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree curriculum to develop basic skills, attitudes, and competencies necessary for personnel to provide high-quality care and early education in preschools and child care centers.

Students enrolling into San Jacinto College programs with external learning experiences (i.e., clinical, practicum, externship, cooperative, etc.) will be required to comply with the immunization requirements and policies of the clinical/external learning sites to engage in all clinical/external learning experiences. Vaccination requirements at clinical/external learning sites are implemented pursuant to the independent authority of such facilities and are not mandated by San Jacinto College. Failure to meet the immunization requirements mandated by clinical/external learning sites may limit a student's ability to complete the program and/or may delay the student's graduation date. San Jacinto College does not process exemptions, and students should address potential vaccination exemptions directly with the clinical/external learning site.

Occupational Certificate

The College designed the Child Development Associate Training for Director Occupational Certificate program to provide educational training for persons interested in teaching young children and/or directing child care centers. The certificate requires completion of 18 semester credit hours. Upon successful completion of the courses and upon receiving the Child Development Associate National Credential (CDA) from the Council of Early Childhood Recognition in Washington, DC, the student meets director qualifications as set forth in the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services Minimum Standards and Guidelines.

CDEC and TECA Student

The 80th Texas Legislature passed a law, Senate Bill 758, that as of September 1, 2007, requires a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) fingerprint check for anyone who is currently required to have a background check in a child care center. This includes any person(s),

including volunteers, who are counted in the child/caregiver ratio. Child care center employees/volunteers will have to have the background fingerprints once every two (2) years. Similar legislation, Senate Bill 9, passed setting 2011 as the deadline for public school districts to be in compliance. FBI fingerprinting allows the state to check an individual's criminal record in 50 states, rather than just checking for a record within the state of Texas, which is all that the current system allows. Additionally, it addresses concerns with individuals using fake names and social security numbers.

No CEDC or TECA student can be in any one location more than two (2) days a month, in which case they would not be a "frequent" in-contact person in the classroom. Our experience indicates that the area school districts are implementing criminal background checks in a variety of ways. A fee is required but may vary depending upon the center, program, and school district. Based upon this information, it is the student's responsibility as a future teacher of children in the state of Texas to understand and comply with the requirements of each institution in which they may observe and/or intern.

In accordance with Texas House Bill 1508, the College informs all students in this program who may have a criminal background that a criminal history could keep graduates from being licensed by the state of Texas. Students with any questions about their background and licensure may speak with the Department Chair.

Plan of Study

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First Term		Credits
CDEC 1317	Child Development Associate Training I	3
CDEC 2322	Child Development Associate Training II	3
CDEC 2324	Child Development Associate Training III	3
CDEC 2326	Administration of Programs for Children I	3
CDEC 1319	Child Guidance	3
TECA 1311	Educating Young Children	3
Credits		18
Total Credits		18

Capstone Experience: CDEC 2326 Administration of Programs for Children I