

# CHILD DEVELOPMENT/EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE



## 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.

## 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: \$30,737<sup>1</sup>

Education administrator, preschool, and childcare: \$47,582<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Source: [texaswages.com](http://texaswages.com) (<http://texaswages.com>), median salary Gulf Coast region, 2019

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

## Campuses

Central Campus  
North Campus

## 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.

## CDEC and TECA Student

The 80th Texas Legislature passed a law, Senate Bill 758, that as of Sept. 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 our current system allows us to do. Additionally, it addresses concerns with individuals using fake names and social security numbers.

After some preliminary clarification, we have found that no 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.

For further clarification, discuss any concerns or issues with your professor, counselor and/or Department Chair.

## Plan of Study

### Central and North Campuses

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First Term		Credits
TECA 1354	Child Growth and Development	3
CDEC 1319	Child Guidance	3
CDEC 1458	Creative Arts for Early Childhood	4
or CDEC 1417	or Child Development Associate Training	
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
Select one of the following:		3
CDEC 1359	Children With Special Needs	
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<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
Second Term		
CDEC 1356	Emergent Literacy for Early Childhood	3

TECA 1311	Educating Young Children	3
CDEC 1413 or CDEC 2422	Curriculum Resources for Early Childhood Programs or Child Development Associate Training II	4
Language, Philosophy, and Culture (Humanities) or Creative Arts (Fine Arts)		3
CDEC 1323	Observation and Assessment	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Third Term</b>		
CDEC 2407	Math and Science for Early Childhood	4
TECA 1303	Families, School and Community	3
SPCH 1315 or SPCH 1318	Public Speaking or Interpersonal Communication	3
MATH 1314 or MATH 1332	College Algebra (or higher) or Contemporary Mathematics (Quantitative Reasoning)	3
CDEC 2326	Administration of Programs for Children I	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Fourth Term</b>		
TECA 1318	Wellness of the Young Child	3
CDEC 2328	Administration of Programs for Children II	3
CDEC 2366	Practicum (or Field Experience) - Child Care Provider/Assistant	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences or Government/Political Science or American History		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>60</b>

**Capstone Experience:** CDEC 2366 Practicum (or Field Experience) - Child Care Provider/Assistant

### Approved Electives

Code	Title	Credits
CDEC 1321	The Infant and Toddler	3
CDEC 2341	The School Age Child	3
CDEC 2424	Child Development Associate Training III	4