

EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION

DEGREE AND DIPLOMA

CHILD DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST
TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE OF CREDIT

Children are enrolled in childcare now more than ever - coming from households where both parents work and/or from single parent homes. These children greatly benefit from qualified childcare workers and teachers. CTC's program graduates will know how to teach, care for, and nurture future generations.

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Early Childhood Care and Education program is a sequence of courses designed to prepare students for careers in child care and related fields. Learning opportunities develop academic, technical, and professional knowledge and skills required for job acquisition, retention, and advancement. The program emphasizes a combination of early childhood care and education theory and practical application necessary for successful employment.

Degree graduates will have a specialization in one of the following areas: paraprofessional or program management.

Degree program is seventy-two (72) credit hours.

Diploma program is fifty-three (53) credit hours.

The Child Development Specialist certificate skill areas include planning a safe and healthy learning environment, steps to advance children's physical and intellectual development, positive ways to support children's social and emotional development; strategies to establish productive relationships with families, strategies to manage an effective program operation, professionalism; observing and recording children's behavior, and principles of child growth and development.

Program length is fourteen to fifteen (14-15) credit hours.



Columbus Technical College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.



PROJECTED GROWTH

Employment in early childhood care and education is projected to grow **4** percent from 2019 to 2029, about as fast as the average for all occupations.

* SOURCE: U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS, GA

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