

## Degree Description

(An Approved Tech-Prep Program)

The curriculum in the Child Development program is designed to prepare individuals for careers in human services agencies. Students completing the program may serve in child care agencies or programs as caregivers/teachers, directors or supervisors, foster parents, or para-professionals in educational systems. The course work provides academic background and practical workplace experience.

A grade of C or higher in all Child Development classes in the selected curriculum is required for graduation.

### Marketable Skills

1. Graduates will be able to effectively collaborate within the diverse education workforce. (TW, COM)
2. Graduates will have the ability to communicate professionally with families, employers, and the community using oral and written methods appropriate to the situation (face-to-face, email, social media, etc). (COM, PR, SR)
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Graduates will be equipped to use innovation, critical thinking, and data analysis, as educators, to make decisions regarding curriculum, instructional strategies, planning, referrals and guidance. (CT, EQS, PR, SR)

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Graduates will be prepared to act as an advocate, engaging in conversations about how local, state, federal and legislative decisions influence children, families and the educational system. (CT, COM, TW, PR, SR)

5. Graduates will be equipped to appropriately handle confidential matters and make ethical decisions regarding children and families. (CT, PR, SR)

Semester I	Hours
<a href="#">TECA 1311 Educating Young Children</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">BCIS 1305 Business Computer Applications</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">CDEC 1313 Curriculum Resources for Early Childhood Programs</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">CDEC 1319 Child Guidance</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">CDEC 1358 Creative Arts for Early Childhood</a>	3 hours
	<b>15 hours</b>

Semester II	Hours
<a href="#">ENGL 1301 Composition I</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">TECA 1318 Wellness of the Young Child</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">CDEC 1321 The Infant &amp; Toddler</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">CDEC 1356 Emergent Literacy for Early Childhood</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">CDEC 2307 Math &amp; Science Early Childhood</a>	3 hours
	<b>15 hours</b>

Semester III	Hours
<a href="#">ENGL 1302 Composition II</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">TECA 1303 Families, School and Community</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">TECA 1354 Child Growth and Development</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">SOCL 1301 Introduction to Sociology</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">CDEC 1359 Children With Special Needs</a>	3 hours
	<b>15 hours</b>

Semester IV	Hours
<a href="#">CDEC 2341 The School-Age Child</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">CDEC 2364 Practicum in Child Development</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">Mathematics (college-level)</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">Creative Arts elective</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">Speech elective</a>	3 hours
	<b>15 hours</b>

**Total hours: 60 hours**

Electives/General Education Courses

Creative Arts

<a href="#">ARTS 1301 Art Appreciation</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">ARTS 1303 Art History I (Prehistoric to the 14th Century)</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">ARTS 1304 Art History II (14th Century to the Present)</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">DRAM 1310 Theater Appreciation</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">DRAM 2361 History of Theater I</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">DRAM 2362 History of Theater II</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">HUMA 1315 Fine Arts Appreciation</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">MUSI 1306 Music Appreciation</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">MUSI 1308 Music Literature I</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">MUSI 1309 Music Literature II</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">MUSI 1310 American Music</a>	3 hours

Math

<a href="#">MATH 1314 College Algebra</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">MATH 1316 Plane Trigonometry</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">MATH 1324 Mathematics for Business &amp; Social Sciences</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">MATH 1325 Calculus for Business &amp; Social Sciences</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">MATH 1332 Contemporary Mathematics (Quantitative Reasoning)</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">MATH 1342 Elementary Statistical Methods</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">MATH 1350 Mathematics for Teachers I (Fundamentals of Mathematics I)</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">MATH 1351 Mathematics for Teachers II (Fundamentals of Mathematics II)</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">MATH 2305 Discrete Mathematics</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">MATH 2318 Linear Algebra</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">MATH 2320 Differential Equations</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">MATH 2412 Pre-Calculus Mathematics</a>	4 hours
<a href="#">MATH 2413 Calculus I</a>	4 hours
<a href="#">MATH 2414 Calculus II</a>	4 hours
<a href="#">MATH 2415 Calculus III</a>	4 hours

Speech

<a href="#">COMM 1307 Introduction to Mass Communication</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">SPCH 1311 Introduction to Speech Communication</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">SPCH 1315 Public Speaking</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">SPCH 1318 Interpersonal Communication</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">SPCH 1321 Business &amp; Professional Communication</a>	3 hours

# Course Descriptions

## TECA 1311 Educating Young Children

An introduction to the education of the young child, including developmentally appropriate practices and programs, theoretical and historical perspectives, ethical and professional responsibilities, and current issues. Course content must be aligned as applicable with State Board for Educator Certification Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities standards and coincide with the National Association for the Education of Young Children position statement related to developmentally appropriate practices for children from birth through age eight. It requires students to participate in field experiences with children from infancy through age 12 in a variety of settings with varied and diverse populations. Course includes a minimum of 16 hours of field experience. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec/1 lab)

## BCIS 1305 Business Computer Applications

Introduces and develops foundational skills in applying essential and emerging business productivity information technology tools. The focus of this course is on business productivity software applications, including word processing, spreadsheets, databases, presentation graphics, data analytics, and business-oriented utilization of the internet. Required for students taking the Business Field of Study. Semester Hours 3 (2 lec/2 lab)

## CDEC 1313 Curriculum Resources for Early Childhood Programs

A study of the fundamentals of developmentally appropriate curriculum design and implementation in early care and education programs for children. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec/1 lab)

## CDEC 1319 Child Guidance

An exploration of guidance strategies for promoting prosocial behaviors with individual and groups of children. Emphasis is on positive guidance principles and techniques, family involvement, and cultural influences. Practical application through direct participation with children. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec/1 lab)

## CDEC 1358 Creative Arts for Early Childhood

An exploration of principles, methods, and materials for teaching children music, movement, visual arts, and dramatic play through process-oriented experiences to support divergent thinking for children birth through age eight. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

## ENGL 1301 Composition I

Intensive study of and practice in writing processes, from invention and researching to drafting, revising, and editing, both individually and collaboratively. Emphasis is on effective rhetorical choices, including audience, purpose, arrangement, and style. Focus is on writing the academic essay as a vehicle for learning, communication, and critical analysis. Prerequisite: TSI complete in Reading and Writing or the equivalent. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

## TECA 1318 Wellness of the Young Child

A study of the factors that impact the well-being of the young child including healthy behavior, food, nutrition, fitness, and safety practices. Focus on local and national standards and legal implications of relevant policies and regulations. Course content must be aligned as applicable with State Board for Educator Certification Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities standards and coincide with the National Association for the Education of Young Children position statement related to developmentally appropriate practices for children from birth to age eight. Requires students to participate in field experiences with children from infancy through age 12 in a variety of settings with varied and diverse populations. Course includes a minimum of 16 hours of field experiences. Semester Hours 3 (2 lec/2 lab)

## CDEC 1321 The Infant & Toddler

A study of appropriate infant and toddler programs (birth to age 3), including an overview of development, quality routines, learning environments, materials and activities, and teaching/guidance techniques. Semester Hours 3 (2 lec/2 lab)

## CDEC 1356 Emergent Literacy for Early Childhood

An exploration of principles, methods, and materials for teaching young children language and literacy through a play-based, integrated curriculum to children from birth through age eight. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

## CDEC 2307 Math & Science Early Childhood

An exploration of principles, methods, and materials for teaching children math and science concepts and how to process skills through discovery and play. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

## ENGL 1302 Composition II

Intensive study of and practice in the strategies and techniques for developing research-based expository and persuasive texts. Emphasis is on effective and ethical rhetorical inquiry, including primary and secondary research methods; critical reading of verbal, visual and multimedia texts; systematic evaluation, synthesis, and documentation of information sources; and critical thinking about evidence and conclusions. Prerequisite: ENGL 1301 or its equivalent with a grade of C or better or consent of division chair. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

## TECA 1303 Families, School and Community

A study of the child, family, community, and schools, including parent education and involvement, family and community lifestyles, child abuse, and current family life issues. Course content must be aligned as applicable with State Board for Educator Certification Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities Standards. It requires students to participate in field experiences with children from infancy through age 12, and in a variety of settings with varied and diverse populations. This course includes a minimum of 16 hours of field experience. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec/1 lab)

## TECA 1354 Child Growth and Development

A study of the physical, emotional, social, and cognitive factors impacting growth and development from conception to adolescence. This course is parallel to the Workforce Education Course Manual (WECM) course CDEC 1354. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

## SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology

The scientific study of human society, including ways in which groups, social institutions, and individuals affect each other. Causes of social stability and social change are explored through the application of various theoretical perspectives, key concepts, and related research methods of sociology. Analysis of social issues in their institutional context may include topics such as social stratification, gender, race/ethnicity, and deviance. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

## CDEC 1359 Children With Special Needs

A survey of information regarding children with special needs including possible causes and characteristics of exceptionalities, intervention strategies, available resources, referral processes, the advocacy role, and legislative issues. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

## CDEC 2341 The School-Age Child

A study of programs for the school-age child (5 to 13 years), including an overview of development, learning environments, materials, and activities and teaching/guidance techniques. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec/1 lab)

## CDEC 2364 Practicum in Child Development

Practical, general workplace training supported by an individualized learning plan developed by the employer, college, and student. Semester Hours 3 (21 internship hours)

**ARTS 1301 Art Appreciation**

A general introduction to the visual arts designed to create an appreciation of the vocabulary, media, techniques, and purposes of the creative process. Students will critically interpret and evaluate works of art within formal, cultural, and historical contexts. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

**ARTS 1303 Art History I (Prehistoric to the 14th Century)**

A chronological analysis of the historical and cultural contexts of the visual arts from prehistoric times to the 14th century. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

**ARTS 1304 Art History II (14th Century to the Present)**

A chronological analysis of the historical and cultural contexts of the visual arts from the 14th century to the present day. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

**DRAM 1310 Theater Appreciation**

Survey of theater including its history, dramatic works, stage techniques, production procedures, and relation to other art forms. Participation in major productions may be required. Applies as a required Humanities or Visual & Performing Arts course for all students. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

**DRAM 2361 History of Theater I**

Study of the history of the theater from primitive times through the Renaissance. Required of theatre majors; open to non-theatre majors. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

**DRAM 2362 History of Theater II**

Study of the history of the theater from the Renaissance through today. Required of theatre majors; open to non-theatre majors. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

**HUMA 1315 Fine Arts Appreciation**

This course is an exploration of the purposes and processes in the visual and performing arts (such as music, painting, architecture, drama, and dance) and the ways in which they express the values of cultures and human experience. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

**MUSI 1306 Music Appreciation**

Understanding music through the study of cultural periods, major composers, and musical elements. Illustrated with audio recordings and live performances. (Does not apply to a music major degree.) Applies as a required humanities or fine arts course for all students. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

**MUSI 1308 Music Literature I**

Survey of the principal musical forms and cultural periods as illustrated in the literature of major composers. Surveys music literature from Gregorian chant to the early classical period. Emphasis is on music materials and listening skills through recorded music and scores. Required for music majors and minors. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

**MUSI 1309 Music Literature II**

Survey of the principal musical forms and cultural periods as illustrated in the literature of major composers. Surveys music literature from the classical period to the present. Emphasis is on music materials and listening skills through recorded music and scores. Required for music majors and minors. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

**MUSI 1310 American Music**

General survey of various styles of music in America. Topics may include jazz, ragtime, folk, rock, and contemporary art music. Satisfies general humanities elective requirements. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

**MATH 1314 College Algebra**

In-depth study and applications of polynomial, rational, radical, exponential and logarithmic functions, and systems of equations using matrices. Additional topics such as sequences, series, probability, and conics may be included. Graphing calculator required. Prerequisite: TSI math complete or MATH 0311. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

**MATH 1316 Plane Trigonometry**

In-depth study and applications of trigonometry including definitions, identities, inverse functions, solutions of equations, graphing, and solving triangles. Additional topics such as vectors, polar coordinates and parametric equations may be included. Graphing calculator required. Prerequisite: MATH 1314 with a minimum grade of C, or passing score on non-credit equivalency exam for MATH 1314, or consent of division chair. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

**MATH 1324 Mathematics for Business & Social Sciences**

The application of common algebraic functions, including polynomial, exponential, logarithmic and rational, to problems in business, economics and the social sciences are addressed. The applications include mathematics of finance, including simple and compound interest and annuities; systems of linear equations; matrices, linear programming; and probability, including expected value. Prerequisite: TSI math complete or MATH 0311. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

**MATH 1325 Calculus for Business & Social Sciences**

This course is the basic study of limits and continuity, differentiation, optimization and graphing, and integration of elementary functions, with emphasis on applications in business, economics and social sciences. This course is not a substitute for MATH 2313 or 2413 - Calculus I. Prerequisite: MATH 1314 or MATH 1324, minimum grade C. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

**MATH 1332 Contemporary Mathematics (Quantitative Reasoning)**

Intended for Non STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) majors. Topics include introductory treatments of sets and logic, financial mathematics, probability and statistics with appropriate applications. Number sense, proportional reasoning, estimation, technology, and communication should be embedded throughout the course. Additional topics may be covered. Graphing calculator required. Prerequisite: TSI math complete or MATH 0308 or consent of division chair. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

**MATH 1342 Elementary Statistical Methods**

Collection, analysis, presentation and interpretation of data, and probability. Analysis includes descriptive statistics, correlation and regression, confidence intervals and hypothesis testing. Use of appropriate technology is recommended. Graphing calculator required. Prerequisite: TSI math complete or MATH 0308 or completion of college-level math course or consent of division chair. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

**MATH 1350 Mathematics for Teachers I (Fundamentals of Mathematics I)**

This course is intended to build or reinforce a foundation in fundamental mathematics concepts and skills. It includes the conceptual development of the following: sets, functions, numeration systems, number theory, and properties of the various number systems with an emphasis on problem solving and critical thinking. Prerequisite: MATH 1314/1414 College Algebra or the equivalent or consent of division chair. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

**MATH 1351 Mathematics for Teachers II (Fundamentals of Mathematics II)**

This course is intended to build or reinforce a foundation in fundamental mathematics concepts and skills. It includes the concepts of geometry, measurement, probability, and statistics with an emphasis on problem solving and critical thinking. Prerequisite: MATH 1314/1414 College Algebra Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

**MATH 2305 Discrete Mathematics**

A course designed to prepare math, computer science, and engineering majors for a background in abstraction, notation, and critical thinking for the mathematics most directly related to computer science. Topics include: logic, relations, functions, basic set theory, countability and counting arguments, proof techniques, mathematical induction, combinatorics, discrete probability, recursion, sequence and recurrence, elementary number theory, graph theory, and mathematical proof techniques. Prerequisite: MATH 2413 with a grade of C or better. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

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**MATH 2318 Linear Algebra**

Introduces and provides models for application of the concepts of vector algebra. Topics include finite dimensional vector spaces and their geometric significance; representing and solving systems of linear equations using multiple methods, including Gaussian elimination and matrix inversion; matrices; determinants; linear transformations; quadratic forms; eigenvalues and eigenvector; and applications in science and engineering. Graphing calculator required. Prerequisite or corequisite: MATH 2414 or consent of division chair. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

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**MATH 2320 Differential Equations**

Ordinary differential equations, including linear equations, systems of equations, equations with variable coefficients, existence and uniqueness of solutions, series solutions, singular points, transform methods, and boundary value problems; application of differential equations to real-world problems. Graphing calculator required. Prerequisite or corequisite: MATH 2414 minimum grade of C. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

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**MATH 2412 Pre-Calculus Mathematics**

In-depth combined study of algebra, trigonometry, and other topics for calculus readiness. Prerequisite: MATH 1314 with a minimum grade of C, or passing score on non-credit equivalency exam for MATH 1314, or consent of division chair. Semester Hours 4 (4 lec)

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**MATH 2413 Calculus I**

Limits and continuity; the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus; definition of the derivative of a function and techniques of differentiation; applications of the derivative to maximizing or minimizing a function; the chain rule, mean value theorem, and rate of change problems; curve sketching; definite and indefinite integration of algebraic, trigonometric, and transcendental functions, with an application to calculation of areas. Graphing calculator required. Prerequisite: MATH 2412 with a minimum grade of C, or both MATH 1314 and MATH 1316 with minimum grades of C, or passing score on non-credit equivalency exam for MATH 2412, or consent of division chair. Semester Hours 4 (4 lec)

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**MATH 2414 Calculus II**

Differentiation and integration of transcendental functions; parametric equations and polar coordinates; techniques of integration; sequences and series; improper integrals. Graphing calculator required. Prerequisite: MATH 2413 with a grade of C or better or consent of division chair. Semester Hours 4 (4 lec)

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**MATH 2415 Calculus III**

Advanced topics in calculus, including vectors and vector-valued functions, partial differentiation, Lagrange multipliers, multiple integrals, and Jacobians; application of the line integral, including Green's Theorem, the Divergence Theorem, and Stokes' Theorem. Graphing calculator required. Prerequisite: MATH 2414 with a grade of C or better or consent of division chair. Semester Hours 4 (4 lec)

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**COMM 1307 Introduction to Mass Communication**

Survey of basic content and structural elements of mass media and their functions and influences on society. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

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**SPCH 1311 Introduction to Speech Communication**

Introduces basic human communication principles and theories embedded in a variety of contexts, including interpersonal, small group, and public speaking. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

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**SPCH 1315 Public Speaking**

Application of communication theory and practice to the public speaking context, with emphasis on audience analysis, speaker delivery, ethics of communication, cultural diversity, and speech organizational techniques to develop students' speaking abilities, as well as ability to effectively evaluate oral presentations. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

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**SPCH 1318 Interpersonal Communication**

Application of communication theory to interpersonal relationship development, maintenance, and termination in relationship contexts, including friendships, romantic partners, families, and relationships with co-workers and supervisors. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

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**SPCH 1321 Business & Professional Communication**

Study and application of communication within the business and professional context. Special emphasis will be given to communication competencies in presentations, dyads, teams, and technologically mediated formats. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

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