

**Degree Description**

An award composed of three courses (a total of 9 semester credit hours) that address the skills and competencies to earn the National Child Development Associate from the credential from the Council for Professional Recognition

<a href="#">TECA 1311 Educating Young Children</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">TECA 1318 Wellness of the Young Child</a>	3 hours
<a href="#">CDEC 1313 Curriculum Resources for Early Childhood Programs</a>	3 hours
	<b>9 hours</b>

**Total hours: 9 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)

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### **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)

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### **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 birth through age eight. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec/1 lab)

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