

# CAREER PATHWAY CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION: CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND FAMILY STUDIES (15 CREDITS)



The Childhood Education and Family Studies: Career Pathways Certificate of Completion (15 credits) is intended to provide students with the skills needed to begin a career in Childhood Education and Family Studies. These certificates can also assist the student in earning a Child Development Associate Certificate (CDA). Students enroll in these programs for a variety of reasons including upgrading skills and knowledge, obtaining a degree or retraining for a new profession. The credits earned can be laddered into a Certificate of Completion Childhood Education and Family Studies, an Associate of Applied Science Childhood Education and Family Studies or Associate of Science with an emphasis in Childhood Education and Family Studies which will transfer to a university.

### PROGRAM STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this program the student will be able to:

- Have a beginning understanding of, and ability to, practice within an early childhood classroom including culturally relevant activities, to meet each child's individual needs to nurture cognitive, physical, social, and emotional development. (NAEYC Associate Degree Program Standard 1)

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to take the college placement test to determine skill level and readiness in math, reading and writing. As part of their training program, students must begin with the courses within their skill level as determined by the college placement test scores.

All Early Childhood Education and Family Studies students are required to obtain a valid first aid and CPR card, a Food Handlers Card and enroll in HDFS9284 Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting. They are also required to have a criminal history background check.

### ADVANCED STANDING

Course work from accredited colleges and universities will be accepted in accordance with college policies.

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete a minimum of 15 credit hours with a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 (C) average or better. All courses must be passed with a grade of 'C' or better. Nine (9) of the last 12 credits must be earned at Southwestern before the Childhood Education and Family Studies: Career Pathway Certificate of Completion: Childhood and Family Studies (15) is awarded.

### TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

<i>Course Number</i>	<i>Course Title</i>	<i>Credits</i>
ECE150	Introduction and Observation in ECE	3
ECE154	Children's Literature and Literacy	3
ECE209	Theory and Practicum1	3
ECE102	Practicum <sup>1</sup>	3
ED169	Overview Students with Special Needs	3

**TOTAL TECHNICAL CREDITS**

**15**

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### PROGRAM NOTES

<sup>1</sup> ECE209 and ECE102 must be taken in sequence. A criminal history check is required prior to enrollment in ECE209.