

# CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND FAMILY STUDIES

## CAREER PATHWAY CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION INFANT AND TODDLER DEVELOPMENT

The Career Pathway Certificate of Completion: Infant Toddler Development offers students a well rounded understanding of the physical, cognitive and social development of infants and toddlers, and how to put that knowledge into appropriate practice, by offering a combination of lecture and practicum courses. The practicum experience is embedded in a foundation of basic early childhood education, child and early literacy development and family relations courses. Coursework includes a focus on developing foundational knowledge of high quality developmentally appropriate practice, observation/assessment, and working in positive partnerships with parents. All courses are offered online.

### PROGRAM STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

- Have an understanding of, and ability to, practice within an infant toddler classroom including culturally relevant activities, to meet each child's individual developmental needs and to be able to create a healthy, respectful, supportive and challenging learning environment. (NAEYC Standard 1)

- Have an understanding of, and ability to, create and participate in respectful, reciprocal relationships with family members of infants and toddlers. (NAEYC Standard 2)
- Have an understanding of and skills to participate in effective observation and assessment of infants and toddlers. (NAEYC Standard 3)
- Be able to integrate knowledge of family relations, child development and developmentally appropriate practices to offer an effective infant toddler teaching and learning environment. (NAEYC Standard 4)

### 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.

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete a minimum of 18 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: Infant and Toddler Development is awarded.

This certificate meets all training requirements for an Infant and Toddler CDA (Child Development Associate) Credential.

