Advanced Early Educator Pathway, Certificate

The Advanced Early Educator Pathway certificate prepares students to enter the field of Early Care and Education and serves as an intermediate step toward the Associate in Applied Science degree. The 31-34 credit-hour certificate builds upon the 18 credit-hour certificate and satisfies Level 3 requirements in the Alabama Pathways Professional Development Lattice. Completion of the certificate also meets the Alabama First Class Pre-K lead teacher qualifications for individuals who already hold bachelor's degrees in Elementary Education or Special Education.

Admission is conditional and depends on the student's ability to perform the essential functions identified for this program. Reasonable accommodations are considered.

Note: Wallace Community College has articulation agreements with Troy University's College of Education, The University of Alabama's College of Human Environmental Sciences and Athens State University's College of Education. Through these agreements, Wallace Community College Child Development graduates may maximize transfer of course credits and complete most of their four-year degree requirements through distance education opportunities.

Program: Child Development
Type: Certificate

Area I: Written Composition

Item #	Title	Credits
ENG 101	English Composition I	3

Area II: Humanities and Fine Arts

Item #	Title	Credits
	Speech	Elective Credits 3

Area III: Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Item #	Title	Credits
	MTH 116 or higher	Elective Credits 3

Area V: Career and Technical Courses

Item #	Title	Credits	
	ORI 101 or 105 or ORT100	Elective Credits 1	-Elective Max Credits 3
CIS 146	Computer Applications	3	
CHD 100	Introduction to Early Care and Education of Children	3	
CHD 201	Child Growth and Development Principles	3	
CHD 203	Children's Literature and Language Development	3	
CHD 206	Children's Health and Safety	3	
	CHD 202 or CHD 204 or CHD 209 or CHD 213 or or CHD 214 or CHD 217 or CHD 222	Elective Credits 3	
	CHD 202 or CHD 204 or CHD 209 or CHD 213 or or CHD 214 or CHD 217 or CHD 222	Elective Credits 3	
	Total credits:	**Total Credits**	**31-33**

Course Sequencing

Certificate Suggested Course Sequence First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
CHD 100	Introduction to Early Care and Education of Children	3
CHD 201	Child Growth and Development Principles	3
CHD 203	Children's Literature and Language Development	3
	CHD 202 or CHD 204 or CHD 209 or CHD 213 or or CHD 214 or CHD 217 or CHD 222	Elective Credits 3
ENG 101	English Composition I	3
	ORI 101 or 105 or ORT100	Elective -Elective Max Credits 1 Credits 3

Child Development Field Experience Requirements

As a Child Development student, you will be expected to complete field experience observation and participation in childcare programs throughout your CHD courses. According to the Child Care Licensing and Performance Standards for Day Care and Nighttime Centers Regulations and Procedures from the Alabama Department of
Human Resources, staff including substitutes and volunteers must meet the following minimum qualifications for records (page 42-43).

Required records include:

- DHR staff application (DH-CDC-1947)
- Three references (DHR-CDC-1948)
- Request for Clearance of State Central Registry on Child Abuse/Neglect (DHR-DFC-1598)
- Criminal History Background Check including Alabama Bureau of Investigations Fingerprint Clearance (Code of Alabama 1975, Title 38, Chapter 13, effective November 1, 2000)
- Medical examination including TB Test (DHR-CDC-737)
- CPR certification (*Students can take the course through the College by registering for EMS 100 concurrently with the initial registration in Child Development (CHD) courses.)*

Students cannot begin field experience observation and participation in childcare programs until CHD instructor has verified records. Students will keep records in their Student Learning Opportunities (SLO) Portfolio and make available to CHD instructors each semester.

Certificate Suggested Course Sequence Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
CHD 206	Children's Health and Safety	3
	CHD 202 or CHD 204 or CHD 209 or CHD 213 or or CHD 214 or CHD 217 or CHD 222	Elective Credits 3
CIS 146	Computer Applications	3
	MTH 116 or higher	Elective Credits 3
	Speech	Elective Credits 3