

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

ABOUT THE SHOP

Child Development students are introduced to the developmental characteristics of children. The program offers students insights into physical, emotional, and cognitive development. The individuals trained in this area will be well prepared for the demanding child care profession and a career in education. The field experiences are in concert with the laws governing professional child care training facilities. A great program for future educators, this shop runs a preschool known as Sprouts. Under the guidance of the Child Development instructor, junior and senior students develop and teach lessons and activities to the preschool students.

COLLEGE CREDITS

Juniors in the Child Development Program will earn 3 credits at Warren County Community College for their equivalent course: PSY 120 Child Growth & Development.

CERTIFICATIONS

In the Child Development program, students work toward obtaining industry credentials, such as the Child Development Associate (CDA) certification, which is the most widely recognized credential in early childhood education and is a key stepping stone on the path of career advancement in the industry.

CAREER PATHWAYS

Students enrolled in this pathway in the Child Development program plan on continuing their education at a college or university. Students in this pathway traditionally seek future employment in education as a teacher, guidance counselor, or educational support staff. In this program, students will gain experience working with young children and in developing and implementing lessons while preparing for college teacher preparation programs.

GO FOR THE GOLD AT SKILLSUSA!

Students in the Child Development program can hone their skills while competing in SKILLS USA in Early Childhood Development and Career Pathways Showcase competitions.



For More Information

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MEET THE INSTRUCTOR

The Child Development teacher, Mrs. Arnold, has taught at WCTS for thirteen years. Before that, she taught first grade for ten years. Her passion for education and kind-hearted nature fosters lifelong learning to support future educators and child development leaders.





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Course Outline

CHILD DEVELOPMENT 1

- Unit 1: Preschool Safety, Handwriting, and Storytelling
- Unit 2: Freshmen Orientation
- Unit 3: Exploring Career Opportunities
- Unit 4: Lesson Planning
- Unit 5: Child Care Basics

CHILD DEVELOPMENT 2

- Unit 1: Theoretical Foundations of Child Development
- Unit 2: Biological and Physical Development
- Unit 3: Cognitive Development
- Unit 4: Social and Emotional Development
- Unit 5: Creating Environments for Child Development
- Unit 6: Family Dynamics and Community Involvement

CHILD DEVELOPMENT 3

- Unit 1: Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills
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- Unit 3: Inclusion and Special Needs in Child Care Programs
- Unit 4: Teaching Methods and Content Learning Objectives

CHILD DEVELOPMENT 4

- Unit 1: Preschool Safety/Room Set Up/Rev Storytelling & Handwriting
- Unit 2: CDA Comp Stand I:
 - Functional Areas: Safe, Health, Learning Environment
- Unit 3: CDA Comp Stand II:
 - Functional Areas: Physical, Cognitive, Communication, Creative
- Unit 4: CDA Comp Stand III:
 - Functional Areas: Self, Social, Guidance
- Unit 5: CDA Comp Stand IV:
 - Functional Area: Families
- Unit 6: CDA Comp Stand V:
 - Functional Area: Program Management
- Unit 7: CDA Comp Stand VI:
 - Functional Area: Professionalism