Who We Are

About Us

Wallace State Community College is committed to learning that transforms lives and communities. In support of the mission, Wallace State Community College is committed to student success through a student centered, innovative, engaging, and supportive learning environment; teaching excellence; respect for uniqueness and diversity; strategic partnerships that advance community, workforce and economic development; cultural enrichment of our communities; and accountability and integrity.

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CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) CREDENTIAL REQUIRED COURSES (1-2 semesters)

The following three courses meet the requirements for 120 clock hours of professional educational training for the CDA Credential:

CHD 100 Introduction to Early Care and Education of Children 3
CHD 204 Methods and Materials for Teaching Young Children (or CHD 209 Infant and Toddler Education Programs for those seeking the infant and toddler credential) 3
CHD 206 Children’s Health and Safety 3
TOTAL HOURS 9

These CDA courses can all be taken in the summer semester. (CHD 100 and CHD 206 are also offered in the fall. CHD 204 and CHD 209 are also offered in the spring.) The CDA is awarded by the Council for Professional Recognition and is not awarded by Wallace State. Additional CDA credential requirements are the student’s responsibility.

If you are considering the CDA, please check the Council’s website at http://www.cdacouncil.org or call 1-800-424-4310 for additional requirements. Contact Dr. Marcie Hill at Wallace State at (256) 352-8383 for more information.
Teachers of young children play a vital role in the development of children. Positive experiences during children’s early years are critical for brain development and can shape their views of themselves and the world. What children learn and experience in the first five years can affect their later success in school.

**CHD courses are now offered in an ONLINE format.**

**Fall Courses- ONLINE**
CHD 100 Intro. to Early Care  
CHD 201 Child Growth & Dev.  
CHD 203 Chd’s Lit. & Lang. Dev.  
CHD 205 Program Planning  
CHD 206 Chd’s Health & Safety  
CHD 210 Educating Exc. Chd.

**Spring Courses- ONLINE**
CHD 202 Chd’s Creative Exp.  
CHD 204 Methods & Materials  
CHD 208 Admin. of CHD Prog.  
CHD 209 Infant & Toddler Ed.  
CHD 215 Supervised Pract. Exp.

**Summer Courses-ONLINE**
CHD 100 Intro. to Early Care  
CHD 204 Methods & Materials  
CHD 206 Chd’s Health & Safety  
CHD 209 Infant & Toddler Ed.

You have choices at Wallace State:

**Choose from THREE options:**

**Associate in Applied Science degree in Child Development (A.A.S.)**

The A.A.S. can be completed in 5 semesters and will prepare you for a career in early care and education programs such as child care or preschool. You can also transfer to another institution to earn a Bachelor’s degree in early childhood education.

**Short Term Certificate in Child Development**

The short term certificate can be completed in 2 semesters and serves as a step toward earning the A.A.S. in child development or prepares you to enter the workforce.

**Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential, Educational Component**

You can take 3 courses to fulfill the educational component of the CDA for the Council of Professional Recognition. These courses can also be applied to the certificate or degree program if you choose:

CHD 100, CHD 204 or CHD 209, and CHD 206

**Financial Aid/Scholarships**

The philosophy of the WSCC Financial Aid Department is that no student be denied access to postsecondary education due to financial barriers. There may be scholarships available. Please see the financial aid office for a financial plan. Visit [www.wallacestate.edu](http://www.wallacestate.edu) and click Financial Aid for details.

Do you already work with young children? If so, you may already qualify for these scholarships:

**The Leadership in Child Care Scholarship**  
1-334-293-4552

**T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship**  
1-800-711-4025 or 334-271-0304

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