Child Development Program

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Welcome to the Early Care and Education Field!

Field Research continues to show the importance of the early years. Early learning experiences lay the foundation for life-long learning. Positive experiences are essential and will actually impact later educational and life successes. As the first NAEYC nationally accredited Earliest Childhood Program in Alabama we seek to provide students with a quality education in preparation for student reaching their goals of helping young children and families achieve a quality start. Education will prepare students for child care programs’ —QRIS (Quality Rating and Improvement System) and Alabama Pre-K. The associate degree is offered both online and in hybrid formats. A traditional, in-class format may be available upon request.

CHOOSE FROM THREE ASSOCIATE DEGREE TRACKS OR CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Educator (Teacher) Degree Track
Preparing to teach in private/public Pre-K programs.

Administrative (Director) Degree Track
Preparing to become an administrator/director/owner of child care programs

Afterschool Degree Track
Prepare to become a professional in before and after school programs or an aide in public school systems

OR COMPLETE THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) CREDENTIAL EDUCATIONAL COMPONENT

FINANCIAL/SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE

T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship (licensed programs only)
(334) 271-0304

Leadership Scholarship (Licensed, Exempt and Afterschool programs)
(334) 293-4552

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

Jefferson State Financial Aid Office
(205) 856-8509

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www.jeffersonstate.edu/financial-aid