

Murray State College
Tishomingo and Ardmore

*Online Delivery Option Available

Child Development

Workforce Development Certificates:
Certificate of Mastery

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

	Credit Hours
GENERAL EDUCATION	21
EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION (9 hours)	
ENG 1113 English Composition I	3
ENG 1213 English Composition II	3
SPC 1113 Fundamentals of Speech	3
HISTORY & POLITICAL AWARENESS (6 hours)	
HST 1483 US History to 1877 (or)	3
HST 1493 US History since 1877	
GVT 1113 American Federal Government	3
HUMANITIES (3 hours)	
Any course with a HUM prefix (or)	3
Any Area 4 course from college catalog	
COMPUTER PROFICIENCY (3 hours)	
CIS 1113 Computer Applications (or)	3
Demonstrated Proficiency	
ACADEMIC SUCCESS (if applicable)*	
COL 1211 Student Success Strategies	(1)

*All first-time, full-time freshmen students seeking a degree or certificate are required to enroll in the Success Strategies course and attend the New Student Symposium.

PROGRAM CORE REQUIREMENTS	7
BIO1114 General Biological Science (or)	4
PHS 1114 General Physical Science	
PSY 1113 Introductory Psychology	3
*Substitutions may be made with prior Division Chair approval.	

RECOMMENDED PROGRAM ELECTIVES	33
CD 1243 Health, Safety, & Nutrition	3
CD 1253 Infant & Toddler Programs	3
CD 1353 Child & Family Development	3
CD 2453 Curriculum Planning	3
CD 2463 Admin. Of Child Care Centers.....	3
CD 2533 Guidance of Young Children	3
CD 2543 Creative Arts for Children	3
CD 2553 Cognitive Activities	3
CD 2563 Family & Community Relations	3
CD 2573 Children w/Special Needs	3
CD 2583 Lang. & Phys. Skills for Child	3
CD 2593 The School-Age Child	3

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS**61**

HEALTH, WELLNESS, & HUMAN PERFORMANCE

HWP Personal Health, First Aid, or Activity

Courses (i.e., Swimming, Bowling, Golf, Tennis, Dance, Weight Training, Walking/Jogging, Women's Fitness, etc.).

MSC TOTAL CREDIT HOURS REQUIRED.....**63**

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

	Credit Hours
FIRST SEMESTER	16
COL 1211 Academic Success.....	1
ENG1113 English Composition I	3
CIS1113 Computer Applications	3
Child Development Electives.....	9
SECOND SEMESTER	17
ENG 1213 English Comp II	3
HWP Personal Health, First Aid, or Activity	2
Any approved HWP course	
SPC 1113 Fundamentals of Speech.....	3
Child Development Electives.....	9
THIRD SEMESTER	15
Humanities Elective	3
PSY 1113 Introductory Psychology	3
GVT 1113 American Federal Government	3
Child Development Electives	6
FOURTH SEMESTER	16
HST 1483 U.S. History to 1877(or)	3
HST 1493 U.S. History since 1877	
BIO 1114 General Biological Science (or).....	4
PHS 1114 General Physical Science	
Child Development Electives.....	9

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

- **Certificate of Mastery (18 hours)**

This is a suggested course sequence only. Students may, with guidance from an Academic Advisor as well as a Faculty Advisor, make changes to their specific course sequence. The student should be aware that changes may result in more than four semesters to complete their desired Associates Degree.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

This Associate in Applied Science program prepares students for careers in child development services and provides those already employed in childcare with the opportunity to increase their knowledge and update their skills. The demand for graduates of this program continues to increase as the need for quality childcare becomes one of the most important concerns of our nation. Working with children to enrich their lives can be a very personally satisfying occupation.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Head Start Teacher
- Early Head Start Teacher
- Child Care Master/Lead Teacher
- Family Child Care Home Provider
- Child Care Center Director
- School-age Program Provider
- Early Intervention/Special Needs Program
- Paraprofessional Assistant
- Home Visitor

POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF DEGREE

- Earn a promotion and/or more money.
- Develop your professional skills.
- Provide higher quality child care.
- Network with professionals like yourself.
- Become a more confident child care provider.

GENERAL COLLEGE PREPARATORY REQUIREMENTS

Students may be required to complete transitional courses in English and/or math prior to being admitted into college level courses. Academic placement is determined either by ACT results or placement exams.