



**Program Map 2018-2019 College Credit Catalog**  
**Child Care and Development: Comprehensive CDA Training Program**

*Award: Comprehensive CDA Training Program Occupational Skills Award (OSA)*



**EDUCATION**

**Program Description:** This three semester training program provides potential CDA (Child Development Associate) candidates with the skills, knowledge, and required training hours to apply for their CDA Assessment through the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition. Students must be currently working in the child care field with young children, ages birth through five years.

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**Special Admissions Requirements for All Child Care and Development Majors:**

Because the criteria for child care center volunteers is determined by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (TDFPS) Minimum Standards for Day Care Centers, there are special requirements for enrollment in child development courses with fieldwork components. Students enrolled in these courses will be required to complete a criminal history statement and a notarized affidavit of this statement on the first day of class. The information will be submitted for verification by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (TDFPS) for a criminal history background check. Prior to participating in the course fieldwork component, all background checks must be verified as approved. Students who have lived outside the state of Texas in the past five years will also be required to do a FBI check. The cost for submitting all initial TDFPS forms are paid by ACC.

Students with any criminal history should refer to the Child Care and Development department website for more information or contact the Child Care and Development department to determine if they will be allowed to take child development courses or if a risk assessment is needed. Students should plan on beginning the risk assessment process, which must be completed with the Austin Community College Children’s Laboratory School, three months prior to enrolling in child development courses. Contact the Child Development department at 512-223-5201 or the Director of the Children’s Laboratory School at 512-223-5200 for more information.

**Note:** The Comprehensive CDA Training Program OSA award plan does not qualify for financial aid because it is a credential award rather than a certificate or associate degree.

*Use this Program Map to choose courses with your advisor and track your progress towards milestones and completion of program.*

Pre-Degree Requirements		
Program Specific	Reading and Writing Placement <i>Placements based on TSI</i>	Mathematics Placement <i>Placements based on TSI</i>
Students seeking the Comprehensive CDA are required to currently be working in the child care field with young children, ages birth through five years.	<input type="checkbox"/> Basic Developmental Courses <input type="checkbox"/> ESOL Courses <input type="checkbox"/> INRW Courses	<input type="checkbox"/> NCBM and MATD courses paired with MATH courses <input type="checkbox"/> NCBM and MATD courses
<b>SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER PROGRAM PLAN FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS</b> <i>Plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding more semesters</i>		

Semester 1	CR	Advising Notes
CDEC 1417 - Child Development Associate Training I	4	
Semester 2		
CDEC 2422 - Child Development Associate Training II	4	Prerequisite(s): Minimum grade C in CDEC 1417 or instructional program approval.
Semester 3		
CDEC 2424 - Child Development Associate Training III	4	Prerequisite(s): Minimum grade C in CDEC 1417 or instructional program approval. <b>ACHIEVEMENT:</b> Comprehensive CDA Training Program Occupational Skills Award (OSA)
<b>Total Program Hours</b>		<b>12</b>

Please always check online at [austincc.edu/catalog](http://austincc.edu/catalog) or meet with your academic or program advisor to ensure that you are viewing the latest and most accurate information.

## Career & Transfer Resources

ACC's Career and Transfer websites provide detailed, guided information on career exploration and transfer.

[www.austincc.edu/career](http://www.austincc.edu/career)

[www.austincc.edu/transfer](http://www.austincc.edu/transfer)

For further information regarding this specific program, please see the Career & Transfer Resources supplement provided in the next section of this Program Map.

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### Career Information

#### Child Care provider

The Child Care and Development program prepares students to work directly with young children ages birth-5 years old. Students completing a CDA, Certificate or an Associate degree have options to work in childcare centers including non-profit, corporate, or family-home centers as a teacher or director. Centers are increasingly requiring staff to gain formal knowledge and skills to improve quality standards within their centers.

#### Work Environment

Teaching young children is a challenging, complex profession that requires independent problem-solving and decision-making, the ability to make good judgments to keep children safe, and good social and communication skills with both children and adults. Interacting with families and colleagues is a large component of the job. Child care teachers and directors need to be able to compose well-written communications, document children's developmental progress, and compose lessons plans that incorporate all developmental domains. Working in the child care field can require long hours, physical stamina, and personal flexibility and creativity. Teachers need to be willing to be exposed to common illnesses and care for children's hygiene needs.

#### Common Job Titles

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#### Regional Labor Market Information

Childcare Workers: Normal pay for Childcare Workers is \$20,924 per year, while highly experienced workers can earn as much as \$27,603. Over the last year, 77 companies have posted 1,775 jobs for Childcare Workers. There are currently 10,554 Childcare Workers that are employed in Austin-Round Rock, TX.

Source: <https://austincc.emsicc.com/careers/childcare-worker>

**Career and labor market research tools** (see Quick Reference Guide at <http://www.austincc.edu/career>):

EMSI: <https://austincc.emsicc.com/>, Bureau of Labor Statistics: <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>, O\*NET: <https://www.onetonline.org/>

**Career Resources:** ACC's career services website provides information on career exploration and employment at <http://www.austincc.edu/career>. Students are encouraged to consult with their [area of study advisor](#) for additional career assistance. The above information is provided as a guide and reference tool for occupations related to this program. This is not a guarantee of job placement in any of these occupations after successful completion of an ACC program. The common job titles listed are representative titles and are provided for career research. These are not the only occupations possible in this area of study.

### Transfer Information

The ACC Comprehensive CDA training program provides an Occupational Skills Award. It is not a certificate or an associate degree.

**Additional Transfer Resources:** ACC's transfer website provides information on additional colleges & universities:

<http://www.austincc.edu/transfersguides>. Students are encouraged to consult with a faculty advisor, [area of study advisor](#), and/or their chosen transfer institution to ensure courses taken at ACC will apply toward their bachelor's degree program.