

Child Development Specialist (CD61)

Certificate eMap

This eMap, along with regular meetings with your program advisor and using DegreeWorks, will help you remain on track to finish your program as quickly as possible and graduate from Georgia Northwestern Technical College. This eMap is intended to be used when beginning the program in Fall semester. Starting the program in Spring or Summer semesters may alter the suggested courses or course availability. This pathway is based on the 2026-2027 academic year.



1 st set of suggested courses			
Course		Hours	Completed
ECCE 1101	Introduction to Early Childhood Care and Education	3	☐
ECCE 1103	Child Growth and Development	3	☐
ECCE 1105	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3	☐
ECCE 1112	Curriculum and Assessment	3	☐
2 nd set of suggested courses			
Course		Hours	Completed
ECCE 1121	Early Childhood Care and Education Practicum (Prerequisite: ECCE 1105)	3	☐
OR	OR	OR	
EMPL 1000	Interpersonal Relations and Professional Development	2	

ECCE 1121 is offered in Fall or Spring semesters only.

Total Credit Hours: 14 Minimum Credit Hours Required to Complete Certificate

Child Development Specialist Certificate Planning Notes:

- Courses for this Certificate are offered at all six GNTC campuses. Schedules for each campus may vary.
- Courses for this certificate are offered in Fall, Spring, or Summer semesters unless otherwise noted.
- This certificate can be completed concurrently with the Early Childhood Care and Education Diploma or Associate of Applied Science degree program.
 - Students seeking the ECCE Associate of Applied Science Degree should take ECCE 1121 rather than EMPL 1000.
- The Program Advisor for CD61 is Jennifer Dixon, jdixon@gntc.edu

Additional information for the Child Development Specialist Certificate and program requirements can be found at [GNTC 2026-2027 Catalog](#).