


2025 - 2026



Early Childhood Administration Certificate – Level 1*

San Antonio College (SAC) Early Childhood Studies

Degree Plan Description: The Early Childhood Administration Level I Certificate is recognized by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) and meets educational requirements for employment as a child care center director when combined with 2 years of work experience in a licensed child care center.

COURSE/PREREQUISITE	GRADE/ SEMESTER	CREDIT	PREREQUISITE
Semester 1			
CDEC 1319 – Child Guidance <i>Course Prerequisite: None</i>		3	
CDEC 1321 – The Infant and Toddler <i>Course Prerequisite: None</i>		3	
CDEC 1359 – Children with Special Needs <i>Course Prerequisite: Ready for INRW 0420**</i>		3	
Business Management Course: CDEC 2326 – Administration of Programs for Children I		3	
Semester 2			
CDEC 1323 – Observation and Assessment <i>Course Prerequisite: None</i>		3	
CDEC 1313– Curriculum Resources for Early Childhood Programs  <i>Course Prerequisite: Ready for INRW 0420**</i>		3	
Business Management Course: CDEC 2328 – Administration of Programs for Children II ***		3	CDEC 2326 (required pre-req)
	TOTAL	21	

COMPETENCIES:

All departmental courses must be complete with a “C” or better

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

* Degree requirements must be completed within five academic years from the date of the chosen catalogue.

**Students are not required to enroll in development course pre-requisite recommendations (INRW & Math) if their official major is a certificate program; these basic skills courses are recommended to help ensure student success in early childhood classes.

*** Capstone course – This course must be taken during the last semester.

 This class contains a Key Assessment.