



Alternative Diploma Pathway
In Support of O.C.G.A., 20-2-149.2

EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION PATHWAY
Approved April 2021

11-21 Total Credit Hours

Students should complete EC31 and then select 1 TCC from any of the following options: CE71, CD61, FC21, IC31, or SA21

Complete the following first TCC:

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| EC31- Early Childhood Care and Education Basics, TCC | |
| ECCE 1101 - Introduction to Early Childhood Care and Education | 3 CH |
| ECCE 1103 - Child Growth and Development | 3 CH |
| ECCE 1105 - Health, Safety and Nutrition | 3 CH |
| | Total 9 credit hours |

Select one of the following TCCs for the second TCC option:

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| CD61- Child Development Specialist, TCC | |
| *ECCE 1101 - Introduction to Early Childhood Care and Education | 3 CH |
| *ECCE 1103 - Child Growth and Development | 3 CH |
| *ECCE 1105 - Health, Safety and Nutrition | 3 CH |
| ECCE 1112 - Curriculum and Assessment | 3 CH |
| Select One | |
| EMPL 1000 - Interpersonal Relations and Professional Development | 2 CH |
| ECCE 1121 - Early Childhood Care and Education Practicum | 3 CH |
| | Minimum Total 5 Additional Credit Hours |

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| CE71- CDA Preparation Certificate, TCC | |
| *ECCE 1103 - Child Growth and Development | 3 CH |
| *ECCE 1105 - Health, Safety and Nutrition | 3 CH |
| ECCE 1125 - Professionalism Through CDA Certificate Preparation | 2 CH |
| *ECCE 1101 - Introduction to Early Childhood Care and Education | 3 CH |
| | Total 2 additional credit hours |

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| IC31- Infant/Toddler Child Care Specialist, TCC | |
| *ECCE 1101 - Introduction to Early Childhood Care and Education | 3 CH |
| *ECCE 1103 - Child Growth and Development | 3 CH |

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| <i>*ECCE 1105 - Health, Safety and Nutrition</i> | 3 CH |
| ECCE 2330 - Infant/Toddler Development | 3 CH |
| ECCE 2332 - Infant/Toddler Group Care and Curriculum | 3 CH |

Total 6 additional credit hours

SA21- School Age and Youth Care, TCC

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| <i>*ECCE 1103 - Child Growth and Development</i> | 3 CH |
| <i>*ECCE 1105 - Health, Safety and Nutrition</i> | 3 CH |
| ECCE 2202 - Social Issues and Family Involvement | 3 CH |
| ECCE 2203 - Guidance and Classroom Management | 3 CH |
| ECCE 2350 - Early Adolescent Development | 3 CH |
| ECCE 2352 - Designing Programs and Environments for School Age Children and Youth | 3 CH |

Total 12 additional credit hours

FC21- Family Child Care Specialist, TCC

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| <i>*ECCE 1101 - Introduction to Early Childhood Care and Education</i> | 3 CH |
| <i>*ECCE 1103 - Child Growth and Development</i> | 3 CH |
| <i>*ECCE 1105 - Health, Safety and Nutrition</i> | 3 CH |
| ECCE 2340 - Family Child Care Program Management | 3 CH |
| ECCE 2342 - Family Child Care Business Management | 3 CH |

Total 6 additional credit hours

*Courses exempted if taken in first TCC

TCCs lead to minimum education certification for the position of Teacher/Lead Caregiver within a child care learning center under DECAL's rules for Child Care Learning Centers