

# Certificate in Business of Child Care

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The Business of Child Care Certificate prepares current and aspiring early childhood education (ECE) professionals to navigate the unique challenges of starting and managing high-quality early childhood programs. This program provides students with in-depth knowledge in key areas such as program administration, financial management, ethical decision-making, and legal compliance. Through a blend of research-based coursework and hands-on activities, students gain understanding of topics including business planning, budgeting, stakeholder collaboration, and fostering environments that promote child development. The program is ideal for individuals interested in building or improving their expertise in the business side of child care, with courses designed to equip them for roles in child care administration, operations, and leadership. Additionally, credits earned from the program can be applied toward a bachelor's degree, further expanding career opportunities in education and child advocacy.

## Requirements

Students seeking to earn the Certificate in Business of Childcare will complete 4 online courses. Each course is 3 credits each, for a total of 12 credits needed for completion. The general areas of study includes administration and supervision in an early childhood setting, financial management of the business, legal and ethical considerations, and theories in child development.

To complete the Child Care Director Certificate, students must earn a grade of "C-" or better in each certificate course and a minimum 2.00 GPA overall for the certificate courses taken.

### Required Courses

H_D_FS 4650	Administration/Supervision in Early Childhood Settings	3
H_D_FS 4730	Financial Management of Early Childhood Programs	3
H_D_FS 4735	Early Childhood Business, Legal, and Ethical Considerations	3
H_D_FS 3050	Child Development: Infancy and Toddlerhood	3
or H_D_FS 3150	Child Development: Preschool to Pre-Adolescence	