

# Certificate in Child Care Director

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The Child Care Director Certificate program offers a robust foundation in the administration and management of early childhood education (ECE) programs, equipping students with the skills necessary to lead and manage childcare centers in today's dynamic educational landscape. The curriculum covers critical areas such as leadership in ECE settings, diversity and inclusion, technology integration, and child advocacy. Through a blend of research-based coursework and practical, hands-on experiences, students gain valuable insights into program supervision and working closely with young children and their families. Graduates are well-prepared to pursue leadership positions in childcare centers, preschool administration, early learning facilities, and nonprofit organizations focused on child development. 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 Child Care Director Certificate will complete four required courses for a total of 12 credit hours. The general areas of study includes administration and supervision in an early childhood setting, cultural competence, child development, and child and family advocacy. Students must earn a grade of "C-" or better in each certificate course and a minimum 2.00 GPA overall for the courses taken towards the certificate.

### Required Courses

H_D_FS 3550	Technology and Young Children	3
H_D_FS 3650	Diversity in the Lives of Young Children and Families	3
H_D_FS 4650	Administration/Supervision in Early Childhood Settings	3
H_D_FS 4720	Child and Family Advocacy	3