

Family and Consumer Sciences

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Early Childhood

FCS Essentials
Early Lifespan Development
Child Development Services I
Child Development Services II
Co-op

****Early Childhood Pathway Courses****

FCS Essentials FCS 200-113

Grade Level: 9 -10

Credit: 1

Prerequisite: *None*

Description: This comprehensive course provides an opportunity for acquiring basic life skills and guides students to explore and select specific areas for concentrated study. Emphasis is on family, employability skills, adolescent development, introduction of textiles, interiors and design, financial management, parenting, establishing healthy relationships, creating a foundation for healthy lifestyles, and nutrition. Leadership development will be provided through the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA).

Early Lifespan and Development FCS 200-223

Grade Level: 10-12

Credit: 1

Prerequisite: *FCS Essentials*

Description: This course addresses the topics of early lifespan development including conception and pregnancy, labor and delivery, infants, toddlers, preschoolers, school-age children, health and safety, and exceptional children. Students will explore career opportunities within the early childhood education industry. Leadership development will be provided through the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA).

Child Development Services I FCS 200-261

Grade Level: 11-12

Credit: 1

Prerequisite: *FCS Essentials and Early Life Span Development with a grade of C or better.*

Description: This course provides training for entry-level positions in early childhood education programs. Students study professionalism, employability skills, child growth and development, health, safety and nutrition, learning environments and curriculum, child assessment, program management and evaluation as well as family and community partnerships. The subject content is reinforced with work experience in a variety of child care establishments. Leadership development will be provided through the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA).

Child Development Services II FCS 200-262

Grade Level: 11-12

Credit: 1

Prerequisite: *FCS Essentials, Early Life Span Development and Child Development Services I with a grade of C or better.*

Description: Child Development Services II is a continuation of Child Development Services I and is designed for students who wish to further their training in early childhood education. Students gain in-depth work experiences in child care establishments, preschool centers, and other early childhood settings. Leadership development will be provided through the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA).

Early Childhood Education Co-op FCS 200-210

Grade Level: 12

Credit: 1

Prerequisite: *completed 3 courses in a Early Childhood pathway AND teacher recommendation*

Description: Cooperative Education for CTE courses provide supervised work site experience related to the student's identified career pathway. A student must be enrolled in an approved capstone course during the same school year that the co-op experience is completed. Students who participate receive a salary for these experiences, in accordance with local, state and federal minimum wage requirements.