



Become a Leader in Early Childhood Education

Earn Your Level I Certificate in Early Childhood Administration

Are you already working with children and ready to advance your career?

San Antonio College's **Early Childhood Administration Level I Certificate** program is designed for professionals who aspire to become leaders in childcare and early learning programs.

This 21-hour certificate is recognized by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) and meets educational requirements for employment as a childcare center director when combined with two years of work experience in a licensed childcare center.

Launch Your Leadership Journey This Spring 2026

Courses available:

CDEC 2326 – Administration of Programs for Children I

Flex I: January 20 – March 21

CDEC 2328 – Administration of Programs for Children II

Flex II: March 23 – May 16

The above courses are offered online via Zoom on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Note: 8-week Flex Classes are accelerated courses that cover the same amount of content as traditional 16-week classes but meet for a shorter period of time. Early Childhood Administration Level I Certificate classes require students to spend additional time online outside of class on assignments, exams, etc.

Why Choose San Antonio College?

- Recognized leader in early childhood education training
- Flexible course options designed for working professionals
- Experienced faculty with real-world leadership expertise
- Pathway to higher-level credentials and degree

Ready to take the next step?

Enroll this spring and prepare for leadership in early childhood education!



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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.