

ASSISTANT OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Certificate Program | Department of Education and Academic Literacy

This program prepares students to meet the requirements leading to a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential in a "Special Education" childcare development setting. This certificate program responds to the current demand for trained practitioners at learning centers and public schools that serve children who have special needs. The population served includes children with behavior management needs, limited mobility, physical impairments, diagnosed learning disabilities, and/or children waiting for a very restrictive service. BCC students will learn the characteristics and needs of children with special needs in order to provide age-appropriate strategies in all aspects of their work with these children. Students will acquire skills in designing and planning activities that are developmentally appropriate experiences for children with special needs. Upon successful completion of the program, students will be able to continue their studies in Bronx Community College's Education Associate AAS Degree Program, and all of the certificate course credits will be accepted for this AAS degree.

Curriculum Coordinator: Dr. Tonya Johnson

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30 Credits required for Certificate

Semester I

- PSY 11 Introduction to Psychology (3 Credits)
- ENG 110 Fundamentals of Composition and Rhetoric
OR ENG 111 Composition and Rhetoric I (3 Credits)
- HLT 91 Critical Issues in Health (2 Credits)
- EDU 10 Child Study - Birth to Grade 6 (3 Credits)
- EDU 30 Introduction to Special Needs, Schools and Society (3 Credits)
- Free Elective (1 Credit)

TOTAL 15

Semester II

- COMM 11 Fundamentals of Interpersonal Communication (3 Credits)
- PSY 41 Psychology of Infancy and Childhood (3 Credits)
- EDU 26 Human Relations in Urban Schools (3 Credits)
- EDU 31 Introduction to Learning Disabilities and Inclusive Education (3 Credits)
- EDU 40 Field Work Seminar (3 Credits)

TOTAL 15

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