**Syllabus:** Child Development Associate I (CDA I)

**Course Number:** CDEC 1317

**Semester & Year:** Fall (2nd 8 Weeks); 2025

**Instructor Information**

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Thursdays: 11:00-12:30

Fridays: No Office Hours!

Course Description

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| Based on the requirements for the Child Development Associate National Credential (CDA). Topics include CDA overview, observation skills, and child growth and development. The four functional areas of study are creative, cognitive, physical, and communication. |

Student Learning Outcomes

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| 1. Students will learn the history and philosophy of early childhood education. 2. Students will learn about appropriate creative experiences for young children. 3. Students will learn about gross and fine motor development in young children. 4. Students will learn about cognitive/brain development in young children. 5. Students will learn appropriate communication techniques with young children. |

Resources

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| ***T******exts:*** | No textbook is currently required for this course. |
| ***Outside readings:*** | Moodle assignments/articles |
| ***Classroom supplies:*** | Reliable internet |

Course Policies

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| Attendance will be counted physically each Tuesday. Students must attend class in-person as well as complete online Moodle assignments in order to remain in this course.  **Make-up Work Policy**: Each student in this course may request TWO total extensions on any Moodle assignments that they do not submit by the weekly deadline – This does NOT include redoing an assignment in order to make a higher grade. To request an extension, a student must EMAIL the professor and be specific! A new deadline will then be granted to the student for completing an assignment. Failure to comply with this new individual deadline will still count as ONE of your TWO total extensions. No extensions can be granted ON or AFTER Monday, December 8th! Please allow at least ONE WEEK for late work to be adjusted and posted by your professor. Assignments submitted on time will be graded on time! |

Evaluation/Grading Scale

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| Grades will be taken from online Moodle assignments – due each Monday at Midnight. The following is a breakdown of how your overall course grade will be figured:  25% - Average of online quizzes  25% - Average of Forums and Labs  25% - Average of all other online assignments (Articles, Videos, etc.)  25% - Final Exam |

Behavioral Expectations

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| * Students are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful manner at all times. Classroom “etiquette” and expectations will be explained by the professor. * Scholastic dishonesty, involving but not limited to cheating on a test, plagiarism, collusion, or falsification of records with result in the student receiving and “F”. This policy applies campus wide, including the TC Testing Center, as well as off-campus classroom or lab sites, including dual credit campuses. This information can be found in the Student Handbook at <https://texarkanacollege.edu> |

Attendance Policy

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| Student Handbook: <https://texarkanacollege.edu>  Students in this CDA I course are expected to physically attend class EACH Tuesday. Students may NOT remain in this course if they do not attend class and simply submit Moodle assignments! |

Disability Act Statement:

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| Texarkana College complies with all provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and makes reasonable accommodations upon request. Please contact Tonja Blase at 903.823.3349, or go by the office of Disability Services located in the Academic Commons (library) for personal assistance.  If you have an accommodation letter from their office indicating that you have a disability, which requires academic accommodations, please present it to me so we can discuss the accommodations that you might need for this class. *It is best to request these changes at the beginning if not before the start of class* so there is ample time to make the accommodations. |

Financial Aid:

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| ***Attention!*** Dropping this class may affect your funding in a negative way! You could owe money to the college and/or federal government. Please check with the Financial Aid office before making a decision. |

**Academic Dishonesty Policy: Academic Integrity Statement**

Scholastic dishonesty, involving but not limited to cheating on a test, plagiarism, collusion, or falsification of records will make the student liable for disciplinary action after being investigated by the Dean of Students. Proven violations of this nature will result in the student being dropped from the class with an “F.”

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**Special Announcement:**

Any student who has difficulty affording groceries or accessing enough food to eat every day, or who lacks a safe and stable place to live and believes this may affect their performance in this course or ability to remain in school, is urged to contact Tonja Blasé, Director of Student Disability Services, at (903) 823-3349 for support. Furthermore, please notify the professor if you are comfortable in doing so. This will enable them to provide any resources that they may possess.

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