CDA CREDENTIAL

The Early Childhood Education Program provides the education component for the Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential awarded by the Council for Professional Recognition. Courses are applied to the Early Childhood Education degree program.

Required Courses  Credit Hours: 9
CHD 100 Intro of Early Care and Education of Children  3
CHD 204 Methods and Materials for Teaching Children  3
CHD 206 Children’s Health and Safety  3

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Bishop State graduates of the Early Childhood Education Program are employed in many childcare facilities, public schools, and private school settings in the Mobile and surrounding areas. Job placement for graduates remains strong and promising.

ACCREDITATION

Bishop State Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate degrees, certificates and short certificates. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call (404) 679.4500 for questions about the accreditation of Bishop State Community College.

STUDENT SERVICES AVAILABLE

Admissions......................................................... (251) 405.7000
Financial Aid....................................................... (251) 405.7015
Veteran Affairs...................................................(251) 405.7020

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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

The Early Childhood Education Program is designed to prepare students for a practical working knowledge of child development principals that will assist them in the daily planning and implementation of developmentally appropriate activities and environments for young children. All of the courses in the certificate program may also apply towards the Associate in Applied Science degree.

PROGRAM COSTS

Bishop State offers high quality instruction at an affordable cost. Tuition and fees are among the lowest in the state of Alabama.

FINANCIAL AID

A number of financial aid opportunities are available: Pell Grant, Veterans Benefits, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, (FSEOG), Work Study and scholarships, including senior citizen scholarships. Apply for financial aid online at www.fafsa.gov.

PLACEMENT TESTING

Students entering the Early Childhood Education program must take the COMPASS entrance exam (required by the Alabama State Board of Education) or provide documented proof of exemption.

ADMISSION PROCEDURES

Obtain an Admissions Application in person on the Main Campus or log on to www.bishop.edu. Be prepared to furnish an official copy of your high school transcript or a copy of the General Equivalency Diploma (GED) Certificate issued by the appropriate state education agency. Applicants will be notified of acceptance by the College via mail after all enrollment materials have been submitted. Then you will meet with an advisor for academic advisement.

Visit www.bishop.edu for further information.