

**Florida Department of Education  
Curriculum Framework**

**Program Title:** Child Care Center Operations  
**Program Type:** Career Preparatory  
**Career Cluster:** Education & Training

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<b>PSAV</b>	
Program Number	V200206
CIP Number	0419070802
Grade Level	30, 31
Standard Length	45 hours
Teacher Certification	Refer to the <b>Program Structure</b> section.
CTSO	N/A
SOC Codes (all applicable)	11-9031 - Education Administrators, Preschool and Childcare Center/Program
CTE Program Resources	<a href="http://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/career-tech-edu/program-resources.stml">http://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/career-tech-edu/program-resources.stml</a>
Basic Skills Level	N/A

### **Purpose**

This program offers a sequence of courses that provides coherent and rigorous content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills needed to prepare for further education and careers in the Education & Training career cluster; provides technical skill proficiency, and includes competency-based applied learning that contributes to the academic knowledge, higher-order reasoning and problem-solving skills, work attitudes, general employability skills, technical skills, and occupation-specific skills, and knowledge of all aspects of the Education & Training career cluster.

The content includes but is not limited to organizational leadership, financial management, legal obligations and responsibilities, educational programming, marketing strategies, assessment, monitoring practices, observations, referrals and collaboration of programs with families and community resources.

**Additional Information** relevant to this Career and Technical Education (CTE) program is provided at the end of this document.

### **Program Structure**

This program is a planned sequence of instruction consisting of one occupational completion points.

This program is comprised of courses which have been assigned course numbers in the SCNS (Statewide Course Numbering System) in

accordance with Section 1007.24 (1), F.S. Career and Technical credit shall be awarded to the student on a transcript in accordance with Section 1001.44(3)(b), F.S.

To teach the course listed below, instructors must hold at least one of the teacher certifications indicated for that course.

The following table illustrates the postsecondary program structure:

			Teacher Certification		
A	HEV0160	Child Care Center Director	FAM CON SCI CH CARE TR 7 G PRESCH ED A PK PRIMARY H PRIMARY ED @B E CHILD ED @0 HOMEMAKING ¢7 @2 %7 %G HOME EC OCC ¢7 %7 %G	45 hours	11-9031

### **Regulated Programs**

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#### **Florida Director Credential Core Requirements:**

- Possess a High School diploma or GED.
- Complete the Department of Children and Families Part I Introductory Child Care Courses (5 courses, 30 hours).
- Complete the DCF *Special Needs Appropriate Practices* course or a minimum of 8 hours of in-service training on children with disabilities.
- Possess an active Staff Credential

#### **In addition, the Director Credential, Level I requires:**

- Completion of one DCF approved course in the curriculum content area *Overview of Child Care Management (this course meets that requirement)*.
- Student must complete required Director Credential paperwork and submit to the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) accordingly.

There are additional requirements for the Director Credential, Level II and the Advanced Level. Refer to the website above for additional information.

### **Common Career Technical Core – Career Ready Practices**

Career Ready Practices describe the career-ready skills that educators should seek to develop in their students. These practices are not exclusive to a Career Pathway, program of study, discipline or level of education. Career Ready Practices should be taught and reinforced in all career

exploration and preparation programs with increasingly higher levels of complexity and expectation as a student advances through a program of study.

1. Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee.
2. Apply appropriate academic and technical skills.
3. Attend to personal health and financial well-being.
4. Communicate clearly, effectively and with reason.
5. Consider the environmental, social and economic impacts of decisions.
6. Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
7. Employ valid and reliable research strategies.
8. Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
9. Model integrity, ethical leadership and effective management.
10. Plan education and career path aligned to personal goals.
11. Use technology to enhance productivity.
12. Work productively in teams while using cultural/global competence.

## **Standards**

After successfully completing this program, the student will be able to perform the following:

- 01.0 Analyze the leadership role of the program administrator in creating and sustaining an effective organizational structure in a child care and education setting.
- 02.0 Develop effective personnel policies and procedures.
- 03.0 Develop a system for staff recruitment.
- 04.0 Develop systems for financial planning, budgeting, accounting, compensation, purchasing and maintenance.
- 05.0 Develop effective publicity and marketing strategies.
- 06.0 Explain the legal obligations/responsibilities of a child care facility, including those related to tax laws, insurance, and licensure.
- 07.0 Apply knowledge of program elements needed to implement and sustain a culturally sensitive, non-discriminatory and inclusive environment based upon principles of child development and professional standards.
- 08.0 Maintain a system for ongoing assessment and documentation related to children within the child care center program.
- 09.0 Develop a system for monitoring child care facility practices related to health, safety, and nutrition.
- 10.0 Create policies that promote alliances with families and collaboration among programs, families, and community resources.
- 11.0 Demonstrate the ability to communicate and use interpersonal skills effectively.
- 12.0

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Student Performance Standards**

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- 01.0 Analyze the leadership role of the program administrator in creating and sustaining an effective organizational structure in a child care and education setting. The student will be able to:
  - 01.01 Develop a written philosophy and goals for a child care and education program.
  - 01.02 Explain the organizational structure of a child care center and its relationship to job responsibilities in the center.
  - 01.03 Explain the importance of adherence to ethical conduct governing the child care and education field by all center personnel (including volunteers).
  - 01.04 Create a plan to foster self-concept, professionalism and motivation among staff.
  - 01.05 Identify a personal leadership style from the range of leadership styles.
  - 01.06 Identify a professional organization to which you want to belong; and secure information on this organization.
  - 01.07 Identify a community, statewide or national organization concerned about children and/or families.
- 02.0 Develop effective personnel policies and procedures. The student will be able to:
  - 02.01 Formulate personnel policies and procedures according to basic principles and best practices for a child care center.
  - 02.02 Discuss legal issues (including Mandatory Reporting Information) regarding personnel administration and supervision, including: fair labor practices, equal opportunity guidelines, progressive discipline and use of social media.
  - 02.03 Plan staffing patterns for required and preferred ratios in a child care center.
  - 02.04 Describe effective techniques for building team spirit and resolving conflicts among staff members.
  - 02.05 Develop job descriptions for staff positions in a child care center.
- 03.0 Develop a system for staff recruitment. The student will be able to:
  - 03.01 Create a plan for professional development of staff members.
  - 03.02 Develop written procedures for recruiting and interviewing prospective employees.
  - 03.03 Compile a list of training materials and effective staff training strategies.
  - 03.04 Discuss and evaluate various types of evaluation procedures, including self-evaluation, performance planning, observation and recording, and narratives.
  - 03.05 Identify factors that affect retention of staff and discuss possible scenarios.
  - 03.06 Recognize appropriate interview questions for legal implications.
- 04.0 Develop a system for financial planning, budgeting, accounting, compensation, purchasing and maintenance. The student will be able to:
  - 04.01 Develop a budget for operating a child care center.
  - 04.02 Evaluate three benefit packages for employees.
  - 04.03 List and explain the factors involved in the selection and maintenance of facilities and equipment in a child care center.

	04.04	Research sources for funding child care programs (i.e., tuition, subsidies, fundraising, grants, and loans).
05.0		Create effective publicity and marketing strategies. The student will be able to:
	05.01	Communicate the child care center's program philosophy and a definition of quality to all stakeholders.
	05.02	Present options utilizing current technology to develop a marketing plan for child care centers.
06.0		Explain the legal obligations/responsibilities of a child care facility, including those related to tax laws, insurance, and licensure. The student will be able to:
	06.01	Research applicable federal, state and local law related to family law and child abuse.
	06.02	Research laws related to liability and insurance requirements.
	06.03	Research laws related to tax and licensure.
	06.04	Research religious exemption laws.
	06.05	Research requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).
	06.06	Describe non-discriminatory practices including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Equal Employment Opportunity Council (EEOC).
	06.07	Research and explain the regulations related to recruitment, hiring, and firing of personnel and wage and hour laws.
	06.08	Identify key local and state consultants that can provide technical assistance and support in meeting all local and state regulatory requirements.
	06.09	Research and explain child care training requirements for employees in a child care center.
	06.10	Understand the importance of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) as it applies to child care center funding; discussions of student performance; posting of written information (i.e. grades, student records, etc.); parent rights; and accessibility of education records.
	06.11	Identify standards of the Health insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).
07.0		Apply knowledge of program elements needed to implement and sustain a culturally sensitive, non-discriminatory and inclusive environment based upon principles of child development and professional standards. The student will be able to:
	07.01	Research and apply child growth and development theories and principles to provide quality programming for children within the child care setting.
	07.02	Establish guidelines for a culturally sensitive, non-discriminatory and inclusive child care and education environment and curriculum within a child care setting.
	07.03	Explain professional guidelines such as those found in the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), and other accreditation materials, subsidized child care monitoring tools, the Head Start Performance Standards, the Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale (ECERS) and Infant Toddler Environmental Rating Scale (ITERS) to design programs and enhance program quality.
08.0		Maintain a system for ongoing assessment and documentation related to children within the child care center program. The student will be able to:
	08.01	Describe assessment instruments and identify ways these instruments measure different aspects of a child's performance or behavior.
	08.02	List community resources available for screening, assessment, and referral of children.
	08.03	Develop a plan for successful transitions of children within their center and with other programs and schools (i.e. such as early intervention, and kindergarten).
09.0		Develop a system for monitoring child care facility practices related to health, safety, and nutrition. The student will be able to:
	09.01	Explain professional standards and best practices related to health and safety, including facilities, program, staff and children.
	09.02	Establish a plan for nutrition education and physical fitness for staff, children and families.

	09.03	Compile a list of low cost health insurance plans for children.
	09.04	Establish a plan for building and grounds maintenance to insure the health and safety of children and staff.
	09.05	Create an emergency preparedness plan in accordance to child care regulations.
10.0		Create policies that promote alliances with families and collaboration among programs, families, and community resources. The student will be able to:
	10.01	Create a plan for family involvement in all aspects of early care and education programs of the child.
	10.02	Discuss the diverse strengths and needs of families and understanding of families in cultural and societal contexts.
	10.03	Identify community support systems, including public and private resources for families.
	10.04	Establish a plan for a program that supports families experiencing the inclusion of children with disabilities into the classroom.
11.0		Demonstrate the ability to communicate and use interpersonal skills effectively. The student will be able to:
	11.01	Develop basic communication and active listening skills.
	11.02	Develop basic observational skills and related documentation strategies in written and oral form.
	11.03	Identify and demonstrate fundamentals of customer service and addressing difficult situations with customers.
	11.04	Apply appropriate customer service techniques for various interactions, including verbal and non-verbal communication (i.e. telephone etiquette, written correspondence, etc.).
	11.05	Maintain hygiene, professional appearance, and a positive attitude.

### **Additional Information**

#### **Laboratory Activities**

Laboratory investigations that include scientific inquiry, research, measurement, problem solving, emerging technologies, tools and equipment, as well as, experimental, quality, and safety procedures are an integral part of this career and technical program/course. Laboratory investigations benefit all students by developing an understanding of the complexity and ambiguity of empirical work, as well as the skills required to manage, operate, calibrate and troubleshoot equipment/tools used to make observations. Students understand measurement error; and have the skills to aggregate, interpret, and present the resulting data. Equipment and supplies should be provided to enhance hands-on experiences for students.

#### **Special Notes**

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MyCareerShines is an interactive resource to assist students in identifying their ideal career and to enhance preparation for employment. Teachers are encouraged to integrate this resource into the program curriculum to meet the employability goals for each student. Access MyCareerShines by

visiting: [www.mycareershines.org](http://www.mycareershines.org).

### **Cooperative Training – OJT**

On-the-job training is appropriate but not required for this program. Whenever offered, the rules, guidelines, and requirements specified in the OJT framework apply.

### **Accommodations**

Federal and state legislation requires the provision of accommodations for students with disabilities to meet individual needs and ensure equal access. Postsecondary students with disabilities must self-identify, present documentation, request accommodations if needed, and develop a plan with their counselor and/or instructors. Accommodations received in postsecondary education may differ from those received in secondary education. Accommodations change the way the student is instructed. Students with disabilities may need accommodations in such areas as instructional methods and materials, assignments and assessments, time demands and schedules, learning environment, assistive technology and special communication systems. Documentation of the accommodations requested and provided should be maintained in a confidential file.

Note: postsecondary curriculum and regulated secondary programs cannot be modified.

### **Additional Resources**

For additional information regarding articulation agreements, Bright Futures Scholarships, Fine Arts/Practical Arts Credit and Equivalent Mathematics and Equally Rigorous Science Courses please refer to:

<http://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/career-tech-edu/program-resources.stml>.