

Welcome to the Child Development Program at Wallace State!

Congratulations! You have chosen a rewarding field that will allow you many opportunities to nurture future generations and make a positive impact in the world! You may be wondering how to get started. Here are a few instructions that may help you:

1. **Apply for admission to Wallace State.** [Go to this link \(click here\) to find the application](#) and registration instructions. You will need to submit official transcripts of all the schools you have attended, proof of identification, and a complete residency form.
2. Take your **ACCUPLACER Placement** tests in English, reading and math or submit acceptable ACT scores. Call 256.352.8243 for more information.
3. **Complete a program application** for the Child Development Program and arrange to meet with the program director, Dr. Marcie Hill, to decide if the short certificate, certificate, or the Associate degree is right for you. [Program applications can be found at this link \(click here\)](#) from March 1st through June 1st. If you are considering earning a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education at a four-year institution after leaving Wallace State, be sure to let the program director know so she can help you better prepare for transfer of credit.
4. After you are accepted into the program and BEFORE you want to enroll in CHD 215 during your last spring semester at Wallace State, you will need to do the following:
 - a. Attend a new student Child Development Program orientation. The date and time for this will be scheduled during the spring semester and provided to you once you submit your program application.
 - b. Submit all documents into your Castlebranch account. (You will receive information on this when you attend the Child Development Program Orientation.)
5. **Register for classes** through your myWallaceState account after meeting with an advisor.
6. **Contact Dr. Marcie Hill** if you have any questions. She can be reached at 256-352-8383 or email marcie.hill@wallacestate.edu. You can also **contact Jennifer Craig**, secretary for the division at 256-352-8307 or email jennifer.craig@wallacestate.edu for program information.