Gain the knowledge and skills necessary to become an effective director or administrator of a high quality early childhood program by getting an Early Childhood Leadership Certificate from University of Houston-Clear Lake. Completing this program will earn you a National Director Credential from the McCormick Center for Early Childhood Leadership.

The UHCL Leadership Certificate is available fully online and may be taken as a part of the following degrees at UHCL:

- Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Care and Education
- Bachelor of Applied Science – Interdisciplinary Studies: Educator of Young Children
- Master of Science in Early Childhood Education

**BENEFITS OF THE UHCL EARLY CHILDHOOD LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE**

By completing the UHCL Early Childhood Leadership Certificate, you will:

- The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) recognizes National Director Credential as an alternative pathway for meeting part of the director qualifications for NAEYC program accreditation.
- Meet the education requirement to become a licensed director in the state of Texas and can apply for your Texas Child-Care Centers Director’s Certificate.
- Meet the 4-star Director Qualifications for the Texas Rising Star quality rating and improvement system for Texas early childhood programs.
- Demonstrate to employers that you possess a strong commitment and expertise in early childhood leadership.

**NOT READY TO COMPLETE YOUR DEGREE?**

The UHCL Early Childhood Leadership Certificate program may be completed as a stand-alone certificate and later applied to one of the Early Childhood focused bachelor’s degrees or the Master of Science in Early Childhood Education degree at UHCL.