

ECE 180: CDA Preparation

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Syllabus

Catalog Course Description: This course is designed for childcare providers who wish to obtain a Child Development (CDA) credential. Students will study the national standards for evaluation and credentialing by the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition and become familiar with the Direct Assessment System. Student will examine and review the CDA Competencies and Functional Areas and their integration with early childhood theory and practice. The majority of this coursework will assist students in the development of their professional resource file and the completion of other necessary documentation and the final assessment process. Students will prepare to apply for the CDA Credential with one of the following endorsements: center-based preschool, center-based infant/toddler, family day care, or home visitor.

Objectives:

This course work will:

1. Provide students with a solid understanding of how their knowledge of child development is used in the classroom to ensure they are providing a developmentally appropriate program.
2. Help students navigate their way through the CDA portfolio process and attain the nationally recognized Child Development Associate (CDA) credential given by the Council for Professional Recognition in Washington, DC.
3. Ensure students have a solid foundation for acquiring the skills required of a CDA credentialed person.
4. Ensure students have an understanding of the six CDA competency Goals and thirteen Functional Areas.
5. Assist students in the preparation of the required CDA Resource File.