Child Development Associate

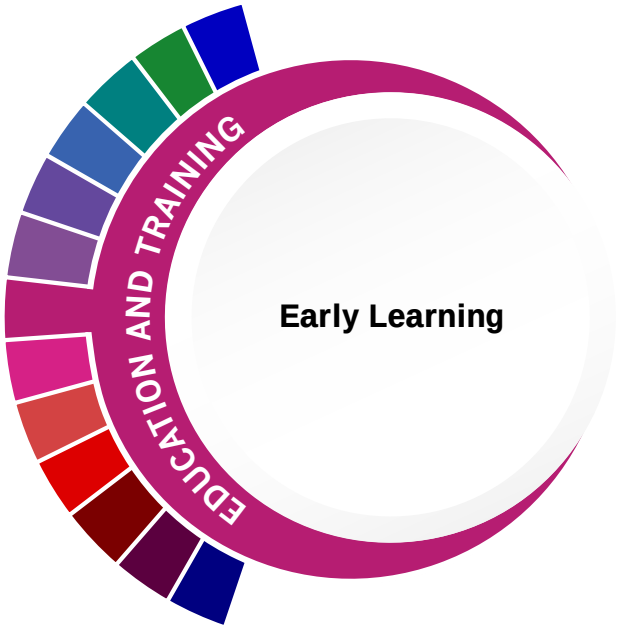
INDUSTRY-BASED CERTIFICATION DESCRIPTION

The Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential is the most widely recognized credential in Early Childhood Education (ECE) and is a key stepping stone on the path of career advancement in ECE.

The Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential is based on a core set of six competency standards, which guide early care professionals as they work toward becoming qualified teachers of young children. The six competency standards include 1. To establish and maintain a safe, healthy learning environment; 2. To advance physical and intellectual competence; 3. To support social and emotional development and to provide positive guidance; 4. To establish positive and productive relationships with families; 5. To ensure a well-run, purposeful program responsive to participant needs and 6. To maintain a commitment to professionalism.

CDA's have knowledge of how to put the CDA Competency Standards into practice and understanding of why those standards help children move with success from one developmental stage to another. Put simply, CDA's know how to nurture the emotional, physical, intellectual, and social development of children.

For additional information, please visit the following link: https://www.cdacouncil.org/



CERTIFYING ENTITY	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
Council for Professional Recognition (800) 424-4310 https://www.cdacouncil.org/	Exam Name: Preschool, Infant/Toddler, Family Child Care, or Home Visitor Exam Webpage: https://www.cdacouncil.org/credentials/apply-for-cda Number of Questions: 65 Question Type: Multiple choice questions Exam Time: 2 hours (includes 15 minutes of instructions)	Exam Site: Person Vue Testing Center Exam Price: online application fee: $425 or paper application fee: $500 Candidate Requirements: 120 hours of instruction on 8 CDA subject areas (at least 10 hours in each area), 480 hours of work experience, assessment, portfolio and verification visit (within 6 months from the receipt of the Ready-To-Schedule Notice) Study Materials & Resources: Competency Standards Book can be found at the following link: https://store.cdacouncil.org/cdaapplicationpackets.aspx