

Help a child find a passion for lifelong learning through early childhood education. Are you ready to shape a child's life?



Pathway Description:

The courses in this program fulfill the education component for the CDA (Child Development Associate) credential awarded by the Council for Professional Recognition. The Child Development Associate credential teaches a core set of competency standards, which guide early childcare professionals as they work toward becoming qualified teachers of young children. The courses in the credential teach the “how to” for the competency standards. Students in this program know how to nurture the emotional, physical, intellectual, and social development of children.

Key Competencies:

- Knowledge of assessment and evidence-based practices in early childhood education
- Knowledge of the influences of family-centered practice, inclusion, culture & language
- Knowledge of safety and nutrition and their relationship to growth & development in young children ages birth to eight
- Understanding of children's developmental stages & developing appropriate learning opportunities to support the child

Courses (HS Credits):

Year 1: 4029 Exploring FCS Pathways (2)

Year 2: 4000 Individuals & Families (1)

Year 3: 4619 Intro to Early Childhood Education (1)

4620 Child Health, Safety, and Nutrition (1)

X081 Internship (2)

Year 4 4621 Early Childhood Curriculum (1)

4622 Early Childhood Guidance (1)

X082 Internship (2)

College Credits: 12 + CDA credential

Annual National Average Salary for Childcare Worker: \$21,000+

Career Opportunities:

Daycare Teacher	Toddler Teacher
Preschool Teacher	Head Teacher
Teacher Assistant	Child Care/Day Care Worker
Nanny	