

Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential for Early Childcare Professionals

The National CDA Credential outlined here includes a sequence of three courses (9 Credit Hours) that can be completed either as a stand-alone credential or as part of the Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (IECE) Associate Degree at Kentucky Community and Technical Colleges. The credential requires completion of a CDA Resource Binder, Classroom Observations and National Testing by the Council for Professional Development (the issuing institution) in conjunction with the required coursework



Scholarships are available for all of these classes through the KHEAA Early Childhood Development Scholarship.

To find out more about the scholarship, contact a Professional Development Counselor at the Child Care Council of KY, 859-367-0455.

The following courses are required for the Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential.

IECE 101 Orientation to Early Childhood Education

Introduces the field of early childhood education, identifies standards for appropriate practices, explores career opportunities and professional organizations. Studies the skills needed for maintaining a healthy and safe environment for young children.

IECE 102 Foundations of Early Childhood Education

Principles and theories of child development including physical, social, emotional, moral and cognitive development of young children are explored. The course addresses identification of and adaptations for exceptional children. The study of play theories and stages. Strategies for providing environments that promote learning through play are examined.

IECE 190 Applied Experiences in Early Childhood Education

Students will participate in supervised teaching experiences in early childhood settings. Skills will include observing, planning, implementing and assessing learning experiences based on developmentally appropriate practices. Upon completion of this course, students will have completed the Resource Binder and classroom observation requirements of the CDA credential. This course serves as the Advising portion of the CDA credential.**

These courses will be completed in the following sequence: IECE 101, IECE 102 and IECE 190 and will be completed in one semester totaling 9 college credit hours.

Kentucky Child Care Provider Certificate

Successful completion of IECE 101

Child Care Assistant Certificate

Successful completion of IECE 101
IECE 102 and IECE 190

Child Development Associate Credential (CDA)

Successful completion of IECE 101, IECE 102 and IECE 190 along with testing by the National Council for Professional Recognition (issuing institution)

Calendar for CDA Completion

IECE 101 –First 5 weeks Monday and Wednesday from 5:30-9:45
IECE 102 – Second 5 weeks Monday and Wednesday from 5:30-9:45
IECE 190– Last 6 weeks Monday and Wednesday from 5:30-9:45

Must be serving in capacity of lead teacher during required observations.

Program Admission Requirements
High School Diploma or GED

For more information about the Bluegrass Community & Technical College contact us by one of the following:

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IECE Website:

www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu/LCC/IECE

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