

What is a CDA Credential?

The Child Development Associate credential (CDA) is a national credential awarded by the Council for Professional Recognition to individuals who have successfully completed the CDA assessment process. Obtaining a CDA credential impacts children's learning and supports families. Earning the CDA Credential has many advantages, including motivating early caregivers toward continuing education and providing a platform for professional and career opportunities.



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1 LEARN

- Are you eligible?
 - 18 yrs. of age or older
 - Hold high school diploma or GED
- Visit the Council for Professional Recognition website at www.cdacouncil.org and read the requirements, FAQ pages, and learn about the CDA process

2 PREPARE

- Choose a CDA credential type based upon your current profession: Infant/Toddler, Preschool, or Family Child Care
- Purchase a CDA Competency Standards book from Council for Professional Recognition (call 800-424-4310 or visit www.cdacouncil.org)



3 GET MOVING

- Attend CASY Self Paced CDA Introduction. The cost of this course is \$50 and will provide you with the information you need to get started. To register for this session, contact the CASY office at 812-232-3952/800-866-3952.

4 REVIEW

- Check to be sure you have 120 clock hours of professional development with no less than 10 hours in each CDA subject area
- Compile your Professional Portfolio with required resources and reflective statements
- Verify your 480 hours of experience working with young children in the past 3 years
- Schedule a Ready To Apply Session with CASY. The course is \$50 and will a review of your training hours, documentation and review your Professional Portfolio

YOU ARE ON YOUR WAY!

- Contact Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children (IAEYC) at www.IAEYC.org to determine your eligibility and apply for a T.E.A.C.H Assessment Scholarship. If you qualify, T.E.A.C.H. will help pay the CDA Council's Direct Assessment fee of \$425 and assist you in completing the application process.

OR

- If you do not qualify for assistance, complete and submit your CDA application along with the \$425 fee and identify a CDA Professional Development Specialist

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT APPLYING FOR YOUR CDA:

- CDA Council
1 (800) 424-4310 (toll free)
(202) 265-9090
www.cdacouncil.org