

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE

Upon completion, students will be prepared to apply for the Child Development Associate (CDA) credential awarded by the Council for Professional Recognition in Washington, D.C., which credentials the early childhood education profession.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of the Child Development Certificate Program, students will be able to:

1. Create developmentally appropriate learning activities.
2. Explain how to build family and community relationships.
3. Exhibit professionalism in the field of early childhood.
4. Maintain a portfolio to demonstrate professional philosophy and best practices as an early childhood teacher.

Certificate Requirements	Credits
CE107 Competencies and Best Practices in Early Childhood Programs	4
CE108 Competencies and Best Practices in Early Childhood Programs	4
Total Credits Required	8

Students completing the CDA Certificate may apply the eight (8) credit hours from their content classes toward the A.S. Degree in Early Childhood Education.

CDA assessment is designed as a means of measuring the overall performance of caregivers working in several settings including center-based programs serving infants and toddlers or preschool children, and home visitor programs. KBOCC is one of many educational institutions participating in this national program.

Step 1: To be eligible to apply for the CDA credentialing, students must:

1. **High School Education:** Have a valid High School Diploma/GED or enrollment as a junior or senior in a high school career/technical program in early childhood education.
2. **Professional Education:** 120 clock hours, CE107 & CE108 will complete this requirement
3. **Work Experience:** Within three years of submitting application have 480 hours of experience working with children ages 3-5
4. **Final requirement:** Six months of submitting application submit family questioners and professional Portfolio

Step 2: Application Process:

1. Candidate must identify a CDA Professional Development Specialist and obtain her or his identification number.
2. Secure your director's permission for your verification visit
3. Submit the CDA application to the council and pay the assessment fee

Step 3: Demonstrate:

Once the council has approved the application and payment has been processed, the following can be scheduled and completed:

- Your verification visit
- Your CDA Exam