

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION IS A PROFESSION

Hello,

Thank you for your interest in the Early Childhood Development and Care program at Apollo Career Center.

Enclosed is some information for you to look over. If you have ANY questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

This year, we are offering two different choices to pursue your CDA credential. Financial aid is now available for the 600 hour course.

Your CDA Credential will enable you to be a Preschool/Daycare Teacher or Director, or a Family Daycare Provider.

If you love children, this career is for you!

Thanks again for your interest!

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Attention Child Care Center Directors:

If you have staff interested in obtaining their CDA credential, they may be eligible for financial aid and their fieldwork can be completed at your center. Contact me for details.

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT & CARE

Daycare-Preschool Teacher / Director / Family Day Care Provider

Length: 9 Months

Start: September 9, 2010

Days: Thursdays

End: May 26, 2011

Time: 6-9:30 p.m.

FULL TIME PROGRAM – 600 Hours

This course is ideal for people who have never worked in a child care center and wish to gain knowledge and experience as well as obtain their CDA credential.

Tuition: \$3,200

Hrs: 120 hours classroom and 480 hours fieldwork in a child care center will be provided.

Requirements: 18 yrs of age, High School Diploma

Financial Aid now available

PART TIME PROGRAM – 120 Hours

This course is ideal for people who are already working or volunteering in a daycare or child care center and would like to obtain their CDA credential.

Tuition: \$1,100

Hrs: 120 classroom hours will be provided. Student is responsible for an additional 480 hours of documented fieldwork prior to end date to obtain completion certificate and CDA.

Requirements: 18 yrs of age, High School Diploma

Payment plans available

CDA TESTING Upon successful completion of either program
\$325.00 (partial funding scholarships available)

Job Opportunities After Vocational Training:

Training will prepare participants to work in or manage a child care center for pre-school or school aged children, to care for children in their own home or someone else's, to become a teacher's aide in a classroom setting. Students will be eligible to apply for their Child Development Associate credential testing upon completion of the program.

Program Narrative of Coursework:

Coursework includes a wide variety of topics including: Intro to Early Childhood Profession, Ways to Study How Children Grow and Learn, Set up a Safe and Healthy Learning Environment, Positive Ways to Support Children's Social and Emotional Development, Steps to Advance Children's Physical and Intellectual Competence, Keys to Establish Productive Relationships with Families, Communicable Disease, First Aid, and Child Abuse. These topics coincide with Ohio's Early Childhood Core Knowledge and Competencies. Students complete field work in a child care setting. Information and documentation for hours provided for the "Child Development Associate" credential.

Students who complete the program curriculum while maintaining at least 90% attendance will earn a Certificate and a "Career Passport" portfolio with which to present their accomplishments and skills to prospective employers.

Definition of CDA

The Child Development Associate, or CDA, is a person who is able to meet the specific needs of children and who, with parents and other adults, works to nurture children's physical, social, emotional and intellectual growth in a child development framework. The CDA Credential is awarded to child care providers who have demonstrated their skill in working with young children and their families by successfully completing the CDA assessment process.

Why should I acquire a CDA?

The CDA is now accepted as part of the State licensing requirements including "Step Up to Quality". More importantly, there is a growth and development process that creates self-confidence and enables a person to be fully aware of his/her abilities and skills.

Who is a CDA?

A CDA is an individual who has successfully completed a CDA assessment and who has been awarded the CDA Credential by the Council for Early Childhood Recognition in Washington D.C. No other organization has the authority to grant the CDA Credential.

What is the CDA Credential?

The CDA Credential is a written document from an authorizing body showing that a person has met certain standards. The CDA Credential is awarded by the Council to caregivers who have demonstrated competence in the CDA Competency Standards during the CDA Assessment process. Candidates for the CDA credential must have completed within the past 5 years, 120 clock hours of formal child care education, and no fewer than 10 hours in 8 training areas designated by the council.

Requirements:

The applicant (candidate) must meet the following requirements:

1. Be 18 years old or older
2. Hold a High School diploma or equivalent
3. FBI and BCI background checks
4. Be able to speak, read, and write well enough to fulfill the responsibilities of a CDA Candidate
5. Sign a statement of ethical conduct

What are the CDA Endorsements?

There is only one CDA credential, but there are four types of endorsements:

1. Center Base – Preschool (bilingual included)
2. Home Visitor
3. Family Day Care
4. Center Base – Infant/Toddler

*for more information, visit www.cdacouncil.org

To Register:

Apply in person, fax registration, or mail registration with \$300 start-up payment to
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