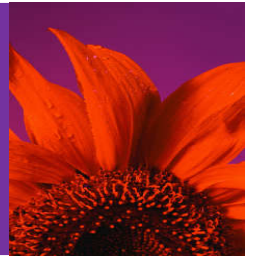




CDA Credential



If you are considering a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential, here are some things you need to know.

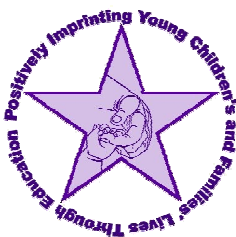
- Jefferson State Child Development Program **DOES** provide the educational component **ONLY** of the CDA credential with the added benefit of college credit - three courses!
- Jefferson State does **NOT** award the CDA credential. It is awarded by the Council for Professional Recognition in Washington DC
- Additional work and application packet and fee are required and submitted to the **Council for Professional Recognition**. (See brief outline below.)

Contact with the **Council** for further information regarding CDA is encouraged at 800-424-4310 or online at www.cdacouncil.org

In addition to the required 120 hours of formal training (three specified Jefferson State Child Development courses), the CDA credential requirements include but may not be limited to:

- At least 18 years of age
- **Holding a high school diploma or GED**
- 480 hours of documented professional work with young children and families over the past five years
- **Current First Aid certification**
- Preparation of a professional resource file
- **Written work including an autobiography and six professional competency statements of around 300 words each**
- CDA Assessment Observation Instrument completed by a qualified Field Advisor (assessment and advisor qualifications are included in the CDA packet)
- **Compilation of parent questionnaires (questionnaires included in the CDA packet)**
- Purchase of a specified application packet (Infant-Toddler, Preschool, Family Child Care, or Home Visitor) (around \$18.00 plus shipping)
- **Application fee of \$325 payable to the Council (T.E.A.C.H. and Leadership scholarships are available)**

For more complete information, contact the **Council for Professional Recognition** (cdacouncil.org)



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