

# CDA (Child Development Associate certificate)

## What's the CDA?

The CDA is designed to prepare the student to be trained and educated in early child development accredited programs. The CDA is nationally recognized as meeting quality standards for accredited programs.

## Job Opportunities

- Assistant Teacher ( preschool or infant/ toddler): Head Start, Even Start, or First Steps
- Lead teachers: licensed and / or accredited privately- owned programs
- Child Care Associate: Community services: eg. YMCA child care programs
- Child CARE Associate: Business: employer- owned child care programs

## Job Outlook

The job/ employment outlook for students entering the field of Child Growth and Development in Missouri is expected to increase to over 55, 00 by the year 2012. Teacher assistants, preschool teachers and associate child care workers are expected to rise two to three percent per year. Approximately 640 openings per year for assistants; 400 preschool teachers; and 680 openings for child care workers.

## Expected Income

- CDA (average):\$16,000

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## CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA)

### PLAN

This plan serves as a record of current and/or completed courses which the student and advisor have mutually agreed upon.

Twelve hours of college courses are required to prepare the child care provider for the CDA. A final review from the CDA Council is needed to successfully complete the Federal CDA credential process.

#### Required Courses

##### Sem/Yr Grade

\_\_\_\_\_ ECE100 Intro to Early Childhood Education (3 hours) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ECE102 Guiding Alternatives for Young Children (3 hours) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ECE104 Early Childhood Health, Safety, Nutrition (3hours) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ECE2040 Home, School, and Family (3 hours) \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 12 hours

NOTES:

ADVISOR SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_