

Child Development Associate (CDA)

Aligned Program of Study: Child Development Services

Aligned Course:

- Early Childhood Careers (ECEC) IV (6135)

Description

The Child Development Associate (CDA)[™] is the most widely recognized credential in early childhood education (ECE) and is a key stepping stone on the path of career advancement in ECE. The Child Development Associate (CDA)[™] is based on a core set of competency standards, which guide early care professionals as they work toward becoming qualified teachers of young children. The Council works to ensure that the nationally-transferable CDA is a credible and valid credential, recognized by the profession as a vital part of professional development. CDAs have knowledge of how to put the CDA Competency Standards into practice and understanding of why those standards help children move with success from one developmental stage to another. Put simply, CDAs know how to nurture the emotional, physical, intellectual, and social development of children. Earning the Child Development Associate (CDA)[™] has many advantages, including exposure to the larger community of early childhood educators. Over 370,000 educators have received their CDA to date!

Materials and Resources

Training materials and resources can be found on the Council for Professional Recognition website here: <http://store.cdacouncil.org/>.

Testing Sites

The Child Development Associate (CDA) is delivered in proctored environments at a Pearson Vue Authorized Test Centers. Testing Centers can be found at this link:

<https://wsr.pearsonvue.com/testtaker/registration/SelectTestCenterProximity/CPR/389917>

Test Owner and Registration

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Registration Procedures

- Apply online for your CDA Credential using the [YourCDA online application system](#) or complete a paper application provided in the [CDA Preschool CDA Competency Standards Book](#).
- The non-refundable / non-transferable application fee of \$425 must be submitted with your application. Make sure to secure the funds before you submit your application. [Learn about CDA scholarships in your state](#).

- Once your CDA application has been reviewed and accepted you will receive a Ready to Schedule notification from the Council.
- Tips for Preparing students for CDA Credential can be found here:
<http://www.cdacouncil.org/credentials/apply-for-cda/cte-high-schools>

Exam Codes	Child Development Associate (CDA)
Website	www.cdacouncil.org http://www.pearsonvue.com/cdaexam/
Number of Questions	65 questions
Type of Questions	Multiple forms of each Exam have been designed. The version given to any Candidate will be chosen at random by PearsonVUE. The CDA Exam will have 65 multiple-choice questions. Five of the questions will have a photo and a short narrative, followed by a multiple-choice question about each scenario.
Length of Test	1 hour 45 minutes
Price	\$425.00