

CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE Certificate of Proficiency

Description

The Child Development Associate (CDA) training program provides students with the opportunity to develop knowledge and skills necessary to complete the Assessment and Competency Standards for the Child Development Associate credential awarded through the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition. This certification is mandatory in many childcare facilities and educational settings, especially those receiving state and/or federal funding. The required certification has enhanced the quality of childcare services being provided.

Curriculum

The CDA requires twelve (12) credit hours of college courses that lead to a Certificate of Proficiency and provides eligibility to apply for national certification from the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition in Washington, D. C. Semester credit hours earned for the CDA may be applied toward a technical certificate in Early Childhood Education (offered on the McGehee campus), and with approval may apply as electives toward an Associate of Applied Science or more advanced degree.

The Child Development Associate Certificate of Proficiency can be obtained in two (2) semesters. The costs are approximately \$910.00 for tuition and fees and approximately \$225.00 for books and supplies.

Major Requirements Schedule

		Fall Semester	Credit Hours
ECED	1053	Environments in Early Childhood	3
ECED	1063	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3
		Spring Semester	
ECED	1043	Development and Curriculum in Early Childhood	3
ECED	1071	Introduction to Practicum	1
ECED	1082	Practicum I	2
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