

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE

### Program 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.

The CDA requires twelve (12) credit hours of 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. Early Childhood Education students may choose to continue their studies and earn an Associate of Applied Science in General Technology degree. There are two options for completion of this degree plan. Details of requirements for the Associate of Applied Science in General Technology degree are found at the end of this booklet. NOTE: Technical courses required for this program may be transferable toward a limited number of associate and baccalaureate degrees. Contact advisor for information regarding transferability.

The Child Development Associate Certificate of Proficiency can be obtained in two (2) semesters. The program costs are approximately \$1,650 for tuition and fees and approximately \$800 for books and supplies.

### MAJOR REQUIREMENTS SCHEDULE

		<u>Fall Semester</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
ECED	1053	Environments in Early Childhood	3
ECED	1063	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3
ECED	1071	Introduction to Practicum	1
ECED	1082	Practicum I	2
		<u>Spring Semester</u>	
ECED	1043	Development and Curriculum in Early Childhood	3
		<b>Exit: Child Development Associate Certificate of Proficiency</b>	<b>12</b>