Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential

The CDA is a nationally recognized entry-level credential in early childhood education. Issued by the Council for Professional Recognition, it is designed for individuals who are working with young children in all settings.

The CDA will prepare you to meet the specific needs of children and work with parents and other adults to nurture children’s physical, social, emotional and intellectual growth in a child development framework. The CDA is a mark of professionalism and gives assurance to parents and administrators that they have hired a competent individual to work with their children.

2016 Classes

Fall
ECED 150 Child Development II
August 29 - December 9, 2016, online
ECED 210 Play/Learning App to ECE
August 29 - December 9, 2016, Edinboro University
ECED 240 Children’s Literature
August 29 - December 9, 2016, Edinboro University

Summer
ECED 150 Child Development II
July 11 - August 10, 2016, online
ECED 210 Play/Learning App to ECE
July 11 - August 10, 2016, online

Tuition Assistance

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is offering the Rising STARS Tuition Assistance program to eligible Keystone STARS providers. This program pays 95% of tuition costs for eligible college coursework taken by early learning professionals, with a maximum benefit of $4,500 per individual each fiscal year (July 1 through June 30). The program covers tuition costs only, and does not include books, materials, or fees. The Rising STARS Tuition Assistance Program replaces the College Tuition Reimbursement Voucher Program. You can obtain an application on the PA Key Website www.pakeys.org.

To apply for the Rising STARS Tuition Assistance program, follow these simple steps:

- Individuals may apply through June 29, 2016
- To access the online application:
  - Log in to your www.pakeys.org account using the login tab on the top right of the homepage
  - Once logged in, select the “Voucher Requests” link on the left-hand side of your screen
  - Then click on the “Apply Online” link in the box on the upper right-hand corner of the screen and complete the application

For more information on CDA and DC, visit www.edinboro.edu/continuing-education or contact Beth Zewe at (814) 732-1420.

Director Credential (DC)

The Director Credential provides a standard by which to measure fiscal management and leadership abilities of directors and administrators of early childhood and school-age programs. It is needed to reach the third of four levels in the Keystone Stars performance system, a quality initiative of the Office of Child Development and Early Learning of the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

The program awards a certificate from the Pennsylvania Key, Office of Child Development along with Act 48 hours and nine EU undergraduate elective credits, which may articulate into the University’s Associate of Science in Pre-School Education degree program.

2016 Classes

Fall
ECED 120 Intro to Early Childhood
August 29 - December 9, 2016, Edinboro University or Porreco College
ECED 200 Plan, Design, Manage EC Environment
August 29 - December 9, 2016, Edinboro University, Porreco College, or online

Summer
ECED 120 Intro to Early Childhood
June 6 - July 7, 2016, online
ECED 210 Play/Learning App to ECE
July 11 - August 10, 2016, online

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