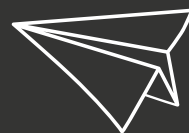


THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) CREDENTIAL



Are you interested in teaching or working with young children but not sure where to start? **The CDA credential is a great first step.** This credential prepares you to work with children from birth through age 5. The CDA prepares you for roles like a GSRP or Head Start teacher, early care and education lead teacher, child care center director and more.

CDA Benefits

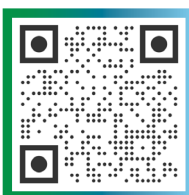
The benefits of getting a CDA include:

- Recognized nationally and by the **State of Michigan Child Care Licensing.**
- Recognized on the state's **Career Pathway** as Professional Level 1.
- Potential for more advanced positions and **further education** in the field.
- Proves you are ready and qualified to **start your career.**
- Affordable at **\$425** and can be covered up to **100%** by the **TEACH Early**

Credential Requirements

The CDA credential is easy to pursue. You just have to meet the following requirements:

1. Be a high school junior or senior **enrolled** in an early education/child development career and technical education (CTE) program or have a **high school diploma.**
2. Complete **120 hours** of professional education.
3. Complete **480 hours** of hands-on experience with young children.
4. Prepare a **professional portfolio**, showcasing your work in early childhood education.



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