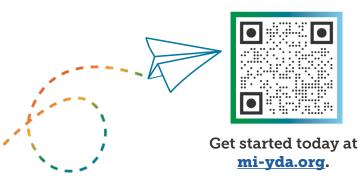
MICHIGAN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (MI-YDA) CREDENTIAL

Considering a career in youth education? A great first step is obtaining your **Michigan Youth Development Associate (MI-YDA)** credential. This credential prepares you to work with school-age children and equips you for out-of-school programming, sports coaching and community-based youth programming.

MI-YDA Benefits

The benefits of getting an MI-YDA credential are:

- More **career opportunities** in youth development with increased skills.
- Recognized on the state's **Career Pathway** as Professional Level 1.
- Immediate employment opportunities such as a recreation leader, youth development worker or teacher assistant.
- Professional **recognition** by the State of Michigan Child Care Licensing and Michigan Afterschool Partnership.
- Affordable at just \$299 with potential to be covered up to 100% by the TEACH Early Childhood® Michigan scholarship.



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Credential Requirements

The MI-YDA credential is easy to pursue. All you have to do is:

- Be a high school junior or senior enrolled in an early education/child development career and technical program or have a high school diploma.
- Be certified in first aid and adult/child CPR, and complete blood-borne pathogen training.
- 3. Be a **member** with the Michigan Afterschool Partnership or the National Afterschool Association.
- 4. Complete **120 hours** of educational training.
- 5. Complete **480 hours** of working directly with youth.