



CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE® (CDA) PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION

Invest in your professional development and learn effective teaching practices in early childhood education. By completing the following steps, you will get all the support you need to receive your CDA.

STEP 1

You must have:

**Diploma/GED
completion**
prior to application.

**480 teaching hours in
your CDA area**
(within a 3 year period
prior to application)

STEP 2:

Join a CDA Professional Portfolio Preparation Cohort.

- During this cohort you will work on the steps to prepare your CDA portfolio in the age group you selected: Infant/toddler, preschool, or family child care.
- Complete 120 hours of formal early childhood education training; participants must have completed, be enrolled in or willing to complete during the cohort.
- Personalized coaching and networking opportunities.
- Professional development for portfolio preparation.
- One to three meetings/month
- Quality assured hours
- Support and preparation for observation visit and exam.
- Offered in both English and Spanish.

Sign up for the cohort here.

Registration closes May 31

[Apply here for the Early Childhood Interim Scholarship.](#)