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Pennsylvania Association for the  
Education of Young Children

## EARN A NO-COST CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) CREDENTIAL

### WHAT IS THE OPPORTUNITY?

Pennsylvania early childhood educators who work an average of 25 hours per week providing care to infants, toddlers, and preschool-aged children in a certified program can complete CDA coursework that will prepare you to take the CDA Credential exam. This instruction is provided to qualifying students at no cost (**yes, it's free, and includes all required books and supplies for the course!**), through PennAEYC and the Early Childhood Education Professional Development Organization (ECEPDO@PASSHE)! We will also help you navigate the process to obtain your CDA Credential from the Council for Professional Recognition!

### ABOUT THE COURSES

Courses are offered in a live, online classroom using a modular structure of 20 instructional hours per module. This will provide the required 120 classroom instruction hours of CDA preparation after all six modular units are completed. On ECEPDO funding approval, a PD Coordinator will contact you to arrange for course registration.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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### HOW DO I MAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY HAPPEN?

1. Tell your employer you want to pursue a CDA.
2. Apply to the [ECEPDO@PASSHE](mailto:ECEPDO@PASSHE) to have tuition and other education costs covered. You will need your PA Registry ID number. **APPLY AT:** [www.ecepdo.org/get started/](http://www.ecepdo.org/get started/)
3. A PD Coordinator will check on your ECEPDO acceptance status and will advise you if you qualify for funding. If approved, you will next be connected with PennAEYC to register for classes!



### PennAEYC CDA Cohort CDA1-M (Tuesdays +2 Saturdays)

Tuesdays, 6:30-9:30 pm and two Saturdays (identified below), 9:00 am-3:30 pm

#### CDA1-M: Starts Tuesday, September 3, 2024 (Karen Rucker, Instructor)

##### MODULE 1: Safe, Healthy Learning Environment - 20 hours

Tuesdays: Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24; Oct. 1, 8, 15

##### MODULE 2: Program Management & Child Development - 20 hours

Tuesdays: Oct. 22, 29; Nov. 12, 19, 26; Saturday: Nov. 9 (No class Nov. 5)

##### MODULE 3: Physical & Intellectual Competence - 20 hours

Tuesdays: Dec. 3, 10, 17; Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 (No class Dec. 24 or 31)

##### MODULE 4: Relationships with Families - 20 hours

Tuesdays: Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; Mar. 4, 11, 18

##### MODULE 5: Social/Emotional Development & Guidance - 20 hours

Tuesdays: Mar. 25; Apr. 1, 8, 15, 22; Saturday: Apr. 12

##### MODULE 6: Professionalism - 20 hours

Tuesdays: Apr. 29; May 6, 13, 20, 27; June 3, 10

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