

Child Development Associate Certificate

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What is the CDA Program at the CUNY School of Professional Studies?

- Offered in partnership with the NY Early Childhood Professional Development Institute (PDI): <http://www.earlychildhoodny.org/>.
- Consists of 4 courses (3 credits each) for a total of 12 undergraduate college credits:
 - EDUC 200 Child Development Birth to 5 Years
 - EDUC 201 Observing & Recording the Development of the Young Child
 - EDUC 202 Integrated Curriculum & Learning Environments
 - EDUC 203 Family, Program, and Professional Dynamics

About the CDA Credential

- Our courses fulfill the 120 hour formal coursework requirement necessary for the CDA Credential awarded by the Council for Professional Recognition: www.cdacouncil.org
- The CDA is:
 - The foundation of an early childhood educator's career path.
 - The most widely recognized national credential in early childhood education.
 - Based on a core set of Competency Standards.
- Graduates of our program receive 12 undergraduate college credits and preparation to attain the national CDA Credential.
- Receipt of this credential can help graduates on the path towards achieving a degree in Early Childhood Education.

Why the CDA?

- Addresses the knowledge, skills, and dispositions required to effectively work in environments serving young children birth to 5 and their families. That includes:
 - Family child care providers
 - Head Start Programs (Federal requirement as of September 2013)
 - Universal Pre-K classrooms
 - Child care centers, and
 - Private nursery schools



Fieldwork Requirement

- Requires 480 hours of experience working with children from birth to 5 years in group care (120 hours per course).
- For the Infant/Toddler CDA endorsement, students must obtain their 480 hours in the following way:
 - 160 hours with young infants (birth – 12 months)
 - 160 hours with mobile infants/toddlers (13 months – 23 months)
 - 160 hours with twos (24 months – 35 months)
- Hours can be conducted at:
 - Current place of employment (licensed family child care home or licensed child care center)
 - Placement made by instructor if you are not currently working at a licensed center or home
- You will need a medical exam with proof of current immunizations, DOI fingerprint clearance, and SCR clearance before you can begin your fieldwork placement

What are the Expectations of Students Regarding Coursework?

- Professional Portfolio work:
 - Collection of resources
 - Reflective statements



Applying to the CDA Program at the CUNY School of Professional Studies

Admissions Requirements:

- Complete an online application and pay a \$70 application fee
- Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and hold a high school diploma or equivalent
- Submit proof of a high school diploma or GED
 - International Transcripts: <https://sps.cuny.edu/internationalapp>
- A personal statement

Applications for the spring 2018 term are due by **January 11, 2018**

- <https://sps.cuny.edu/admissions/certificate-admission>



Registering for Courses at the CUNY School of Professional Studies

- Students are provided with a registration form after they apply and have been admitted into the CDA program at CUNY SPS.
- New students may register for classes by returning the spring 2018 CDA Registration form.
- New students must also return immunization paperwork:
<http://sps.cuny.edu/immunization>
- Because we provide students with comprehensive supports that are built into the program, we are unable to accept coursework taken outside of our program.

Spring 2018 Course Schedule

- Classes meet Saturdays, January 27– May 19, 2018
 - EDUC 200, 9:30AM – 12:00 Noon
 - EDUC 201, 1:00PM – 3:30PM

Tuition Assistance

Spring 2018 Tuition & Fees:

- One Course: \$957.50
- Two Courses: \$1812.50



- Funding may be available through the Educational Incentive Program to support tuition and fees expenses.
- EIP Application Process:
 - Complete the online web application: <http://ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/eip.shtm>
 - Obtain application instructions from SPS prior to completing application
 - Submit the following:
 - Most recent federal income tax return (form 1040)
 - Employment verification

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