

## Read about the process of obtaining a CDA

CDA training is only a part of obtaining a CDA.

A CDA (Child Development Associate) Credential is a national credential for individuals who work with children age 0-5.

An individual obtains a CDA in one of the following settings:

- Family Child Care
- Infant/Toddler
- Preschool
- Home Visitor

When you begin the process of obtaining a CDA, you will want to order the application packet which will have the materials and instructions you will need.

<http://store.cdacouncil.org/cdaapplicationpackets.aspx>

You are required to take 120 hours of training within the past five years, broken into 8 training categories. The CCR online training will count for this.

You will complete an autobiographical statement, six statements of competency, a professional resource file, parent questionnaires, and a formal observation. These items are outlined in the application packet.

Once the items above are completed, you apply for your CDA verification visit and pay the CDA fee of \$325.

According to the CDA quarterly calendar, you will receive your appointment for the verification visit, which includes a review of all your documents, a written examination (60 multiple choice questions) and an oral interview (10 scenarios to respond to).

Upon successful review by the CDA Council, you receive your CDA. The initial CDA expires in three years, and you complete the renewal process. After the initial CDA is renewed, the renewal period is then five years.

Visit the Council for Professional Recognition (CDA Council) for more information about the process of obtaining a CDA <http://www.cdacouncil.org/the-cda-credential/about-the-cda>