

CHILD DEVELOPMENT: CDA PREPARATION

Program Code: S.CDA.CER

Certificate

Minimum graduation requirement — 12 semester hours

The CDA Preparation Certificate prepares students for Child Development Associate (CDA) assessment by providing the 120 clock hours or more of training in eight subject areas that are needed to apply for the CDA credential.

All credit hours can be applied toward the CHD A.A.S. degree.

Program Notes*

- A criminal background investigation is required prior to observation or field experience. Students are responsible for any fees.
- Instructor approval is required to register for CHD 222. CHD 222 for the CDA Preparation certificate is done at the student's worksite or at the Parkland College Child Development Center in special circumstances.
- To take CHD 222, students must have a 2.0 GPA, a C or higher grade in CHD courses, and instructor approval.
- Students applying for the infant-toddler setting credential may substitute CHD 134 for CHD 124.
- Infant and Child First Aid and CPR credentials are required for the CDA and training is available in most child care centers and in the community. Please contact the Child Care Resource Service for more information if needed at 1-800-325-5516.
- All CHD courses will count toward the educational requirement of the CDA.
- **Parkland College does not issue the CDA credential. For more information on the CDA, please contact the Council for Professional Recognition at <http://cdacouncil.org/>**

Required Program Courses (12 hours) Cr. Hrs.

CHD 115	Socialization and Guidance for the Young Child	2
CHD 124*	Program Planning for the Young Child	3
CHD 222*	Assisting in the Child-Care Center	4
CHD 223	Child, Family, and Community	3

Total Semester Credit Hours

12