

Welcome!

Surveys of Indiana childcare providers show they believe training is a very important issue in our field. In addition, providers want training to be linked to credit, and they want early childhood education training to be community-based, relevant and affordable.

We have tried to address each of these issues in our community by offering two certificates in childcare training, and one early childhood degree at the associate level. The credits for the Child Development Associate (CDA) and the Associate of Applied Science degree (AAS) in Early Childhood Education are all transferable to many four-year programs. We strive to work with experts in the community to educate and promote the elements of quality care.

We look forward to working together for the benefit of local families. To learn more about this exciting and promising career field and the two-year degree programs available through Ivy Tech Community College-Bloomington, please contact me.

Your success is our success,
Best regards,



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Overview

The Early Childhood program focuses on early growth and development, including adult-child relationships. The AAS degree requires 66 credits for completion. Emphasis is placed on the development of skills and techniques for providing appropriate environments and care for young children. Instruction is provided in the physical, emotional, social and cognitive areas of early childhood. The training is also appropriate for candidates seeking the Child Development Associate (CDA) credential (12 credits). The student develops competencies through classroom instruction, observation and participation in early childhood settings.

Employment Outlook

Employment opportunities include nanny, preschool teacher or director. You may work in a Head Start program, school-age program, child care program or as a home daycare owner.



Degrees

Ivy Tech Community College-Bloomington now offers a two-year Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree. Students can take a combination of on-line courses and/or courses offered at the Bloomington campus to earn this degree. A Technical Certificate (TC) in Early Childhood Education is also offered.

Qualifications

High school graduates with an interest in Early Childhood Education are encouraged to apply. Classes are open to anyone interested in raising the quality of childcare in our community by standardizing the training and giving credit to those who work the hardest to improve our profession.

Salary

Indiana:

Family Child Care Provider: \$8.32/per hr
Preschool Teacher: \$8.24 /per hr
Director: \$14.94/per hr

National:

\$21,280 - \$37,150 per year.

Sources: U.S. Dept. of Labor Statistics for 2004 and 2005 Indiana Child Care Workforce Study

Area Businesses Where Graduates Have Been Hired*:

Adventure Camp MCCSC
Bloomington Developmental Learning Center
Hoosier Uplands Head Start
Jack & Jill Day Care
Monroe County United Ministries
Penny Lane Child Care
* more available on our website.

Early Childhood Education



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Child Development Associate

What is CDA?

The Child Development Associate (CDA) program represents a national effort to credential qualified caregivers that work with children from birth to age five. It is a nationally recognized competency-based credential for child care providers. It is widely recognized by Head Start, day care centers, nursery schools, resource and referral agencies, and as entry-level into the Early Childhood profession.

CDA Program: Overview

The Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition operates the CDA credentialing program as a major national effort to improve the quality of child care. Focusing on the skills of child care providers, the program is designed to provide performance-based training, assessment and credentialing of child care staff, home visitors, and family day care providers. The CDA Competency Standards are the core of the program. They are statements of the skills needed to be a competent caregiver and the basis upon which caregivers are assessed.

CDA PROGRAM: THREE PARTS

Field work:

Candidates participate in programs that are specific to the setting, age level endorsement, and specialization in which they will receive their CDA. Field advisors monitor the candidate's progress and provide overall guidance.

Coursework:

Candidates attend a series of classes built around the Competency Standards. Instruction is provided for the eight content areas, and a written exam is administered to determine the candidate's knowledge.

Final Evaluation:

A Council representative conducts an oral interview to assess the candidate's knowledge, verifies performance and submits the results of all three phases of preparation to the Council for review. Successful candidates will receive the CDA credential.

Required Coursework:

The following courses are required for candidates seeking the CDA credential. All of these courses are available through the Ivy Tech Community College-Bloomington campus Early Childhood Education program:

ECE 100	Intro to Early Childhood Ed.
ECE 101	Health, Safety and Nutrition
ECE 103	Curriculum in Early Childhood Classroom
ECE 105	CDA Process



Course Descriptions

Visit our website for a full list at:
<http://www.ivytech.edu/bloomington/ece>

While every effort is made to provide accurate and current information, Ivy Tech Community College reserves the right to change without notice statements in the program bulletin series concerning rules, policies, fees, curricula, courses or other matters.

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE (66 CREDITS) CORE COURSES

General Education Courses

ENG 111	English Composition	3
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
XXX XXX	Life/Physical Science Course	3
SOC 111	Introduction to Sociology	3
<i>Choose one of the following courses:</i>		
ENG 112	Exposition and Persuasion	3
ENG 211	Technical Writing	3
COM 102	Intro to Interpersonal Comm	3
<i>Choose one of the following courses:</i>		
MAT 111	Intermediate Algebra	3
MAT 112	Functional Mathematics	3
TOTAL		18

Required Professional/Technical Courses

ECE 100	Intro to Early Childhood Ed	3
ECE 101	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
ECE 103	Curriculum in Early Childhood Classroom	3
ECE 120	Child Growth and Development	3
ECE 130	Developmentally Appropriate Guidance In a Cultural Context	3
ECE 204	Families in Transition	3
ECE 210	Early Childhood Administration	3
ECE 230	The Exceptional Child	3
ECE 233	Emerging Literacy	3
ECE 260	Early Childhood Professional	3
TOTAL		30

Regionally Determined Courses: (6 credits)

<i>Choose two of the following.</i>		
ECE 105	CDA Process	3
ECE 205	Early Care Practicum	3
ECE 225	Infant Toddler Practicum	3
ECE 235	Preschool Practicum	3
ECE 245	School Age Practicum	3
ECE 255	Generalist Practicum	3
TOTAL		6
CORE TOTAL		54

AAS SPECIALTY COURSE REQUIREMENTS

SPECIALTY: GENERALIST (12 credits)

ECE 200	Family-Teacher Partnerships	3
ECE 213	Infant and Toddler Programming	3
ECE 223	School Age Programming	3
ECE 243	Cognitive Curriculum	3

SPECIALTY: ADMINISTRATION (12 credits)

ECE 213	Infant & Toddler Programming	3
ECE 216	Professional Curriculum Planning	3
ECE 218	Leadership & Mentoring	3
ECE 243	Cognitive Curriculum	3

SPECIALTY: CURRICULUM (12 credits)

ECE 213	Infant and Toddler Programming	3
ECE 216	Professional Curriculum Planning	3
ECE 223	School Age Programming	3
ECE 243	Cognitive Curriculum	3

SPECIALTY: INFANT/TODDLER (12 credits)

ECE 110	Infant/Toddler Growth & Dev	3
ECE 111	Environments for Infants & Toddlers	3
ECE 201	Skills for Parenting	3
ECE 213	Infant and Toddler Programming	3

SPECIALTY TOTAL

12

TOTAL FOR DEGREE

66



TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE* (30 CREDITS)

General Education Courses:

ENG 111	English Composition	3
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology OR	
SOC 111	Introduction to Sociology	3

Required Professional/Technical Courses:

ECE 120	Child Growth and Development	3
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Specialty Courses:

ECE 100	Intro to Early Childhood Ed	3
ECE 101	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
ECE 103	Curriculum in Early Childhood Classroom	3
ECE 130	Developmentally Appropriate Guidance in a Cultural Context	3
ECE 230	The Exceptional Child	3
ECE 233	Emerging Literacy	3

Regionally Determined Courses:

Choose one of the following practicums.

ECE 105	CDA Process	3
ECE 205	Early Care Practicum	3
ECE 225	Infant Toddler Practicum	3
ECE 235	Preschool Practicum	3
ECE 245	School Age Practicum	3
ECE 255	Generalist Practicum	3
TOTAL		30

* Students MUST provide competency in Basic Reading, Basic Writing and Basic Algebra prior to the completion of their Technical Certificate either through test-out through the Assessment OR by successful completion of ENG 025, ENG 032 and/or MAT 050 with a grade of "C" or higher.

