

CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE

Program Description

The Child Development Associate (CDA) training program provides students with the opportunity to develop knowledge and skills necessary to complete the Assessment and Competency Standards for the Child Development Associate credential awarded through the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition. This certification is mandatory in many childcare facilities and educational settings, especially those receiving state and/or federal funding.

The CDA requires twelve (12) credit hours of courses that lead to a Certificate of Proficiency and provides eligibility to apply for national certification from the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition. Semester credit hours earned for the CDA may be applied toward a technical certificate in Early Childhood Education. Early Childhood Education students may choose to continue their studies and earn an Associate of Applied Science in General Technology degree. Details of requirements for the Associate of Applied Science in General Technology degree are found at the end of this booklet.

The Child Development Associate Certificate of Proficiency can be obtained in two (2) semesters.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS SCHEDULE

<u>Fall Semester</u>			<u>Credit Hours</u>
ECED	10503	Environments in Early Childhood	3
ECED	10603	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3
ECED	10701	Introduction to Practicum	1
ECED	10804	Practicum I	2
<u>Spring Semester</u>			
ECED	10403	Development and Curriculum in Early Childhood	3
Exit: Child Development Associate Certificate of Proficiency			12