Penn State Better Kid Care On Demand CDA Course Overview

The Penn State Better Kid Care On Demand CDA Course meets the professional education requirements of 120 hours of formal early childhood education for the CDA Credential® and guides participants in how to complete the entire CDA Credential® process.

The goal of the CDA course is to prepare CDA candidates to apply to the Council for Professional Recognition (CDA Council).

Ten online mentoring tutorials help participants prepare for the CDA Application process, Verification Visit, and the CDA Exam to complete the CDA Credential® process. The first tutorial, CDA: Get Started will answer many of your questions about cost, requirements, timeline, who to contact for help, and more!

Better Kid Care On Demand CDA Course requirements

Course work consists of:

80 hours of core/required online lessons (10 hours from each CDA Subject Area) Core/required online lessons vary according to CDA credential settings (center-based infant-toddler, center-based preschool, home-based family child care).

40 hours of elective online lessons Elective lessons are selected by the participant from the On Demand Course listings. Elective lessons must fit the CDA credential setting being pursued and fall under the eight CDA Subject Areas. All Better Kid Care (BKC) lessons are coded by CDA Subject Area.

Required course resource books Reading and workbook assignments are included in the following:

- Essentials for Working with Young Children, 2nd edition curriculum
- Essentials Workbook, 2nd edition
- The Child Development Associate National Credentialing Program® and CDA Competency Standards (in chosen CDA setting)

Better Kid Care Research-to-Practice articles Short resource-to-practice articles for each functional area are part of the coursework suggested reading.

CDA Professional Portfolio The On Demand CDA Course includes assignments that lead participants through required steps to complete their CDA Professional Portfolio. Throughout the course, participants:

- Identify and add items to the Resource Collection
- Write six Reflective Statements of Competence, one for each CDA Competency Standard
- Write the Professional Philosophy Statement
- Distribute the Family Questionnaire form
- Complete the Family Questionnaire Summary Sheet
- Prepare for the Verification Visit and CDA Exam

References


Need more information? Call 800-452-9108 or visit bit.ly/yourCDA

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