

Certificate of Proficiency in Early Childhood

The Certificate of Proficiency in Early Childhood contains the foundation courses for a person wishing to pursue a career in early childhood (birth through preschool.) Students will learn about the Child Development Associate (CDA) processes, and the necessary steps they can take to obtain the CDA.

Arkansas Northeast College does not issue the CDA credential. Only the CDA council in Washington, DC can issue the credential. Students interested in obtaining the CDA credential should go to the CDA website at www.cdacouncil.org and read all of the requirements.

The following courses provide the training required of the CDA credential:

Coursework/Training		Credit Hours
ED 13093	Child Growth and Development	3
ED 13103	Environments for Young Children	3
ED 13083	Foundations for Early Childhood Education	3
ED 13153	Advanced Field Experience	3
Total Certificate Credit Hours		12

ED 23133: Child Growth and learning may be substituted for ED 13093

ED 23053: Survey of Early Childhood Education may be substituted for ED 13083

Other Requirements

- Students must earn grade of "C" or better in each training course.
- All students will have a child maltreatment background check, and a criminal background check before field placement begins (all background checks must be clear.)
- There may be fees beyond ANC's tuition and fees that are the responsibility of the student