

Early Education: Pathway to CDA

*Successful completion of Five Modules of CDA Training**

Module I

- Unit 1. Providing for Children's Health and Safety**
- Unit 2. Promoting Good Nutrition
- Unit 3. Providing an Environment for Learning
- Unit 4. Guiding Children I**
- Unit 5. Guiding Children II**

Module II

- Unit 6. Caring for Infants, Toddlers, & Two-Year Olds**
- Unit 7. Caring for Preschool-Age**
- Unit 8. Caring for School-Age
- Unit 9. Caring for Children with Special Needs, Gifts and Talents

Module III

- Unit 10. Applying Child Development Concepts
- Unit 11. Ensuring Developmentally Appropriate Practice
- Unit 12. Developing Program Plans

Module IV

- Unit 13. Involving Parents and the Community
- Unit 14. Maintaining a Recordkeeping System
- Unit 15. Preparing for the Roles of the Master Teacher
- Unit 16. Developing as an Early Education Professional

Module V

- Unit 17. Preparing for Child Development Associate Credential (CDA) includes:
 - Pathway Competency Test
 - Parent Questionnaires
 - Professional Resource File
 - Formal Observation

**Scholar may enroll in Units 1-16 in any order. Unit 17 must be taken after all other units are completed.*

***Prior Learning Hours may be available for the following Pathway units upon passing the unit quiz. This option is available to child care providers that have previously taken Child Care Careers (CCC) Coursework.*

Prior Learning Hours are received accordingly:

Unit 1 = CCC Health and Safety

Unit 4 and Unit 5 = CCC Behavior and Guidance I & II

Unit 6 and Unit 7 = CCC Child Development I & II



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Scholars for Excellence in Child Care

*Providing Educational Opportunities
for Child Care Professionals*

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What Is Early Education: Pathway to CDA ?

Pathway is a comprehensive Child Development Associate (CDA) curriculum that provides 17 units of CDA training and prepares child care providers for the National CDA Credential awarded by the Council for Professional Recognition*.

**Early Education: Pathway to CDA is the only CDA curriculum that is eligible for a scholarship through technology centers. Other CDA training offered through technology centers is not eligible for tuition or CDA assessment scholarship.*

Program Benefits

- Training for the National CDA Credential
- Convenient training coordinated through technology centers and available online
- Networking with other child care professionals
- Hands on opportunities
- Highly qualified educators
- Technical Assistance
- Scholarship for the CDA Credential
- College credit toward AA/AS degree awarded upon obtainment of CDA Credential and successful completion of 12 college credit hours
- Participation in Oklahoma Registry: Professional Development Ladder



Program Assistance

The Scholars for Excellence in Child Care program scholarship staff assists with:

- Application process for technology centers
- Application process for CDA Assessment Scholarship
- Career advisement for CDA training and assessment

Pathway Steps to Success

\$200 Educational Stipend Award

CDA Credential earned

CDA Council's Verification Visit with council representative

Pass Pathway Competency Test & apply for CDA Assessment Scholarship

Enroll in Early Education: Pathway to CDA through local technology center or online

Apply for Scholars Tuition Scholarship

Tuition Scholarship Eligibility

To qualify for the Scholars for Excellence in Child Care program, child care providers must:

- Work in a one-star plus or above OKDHS or tribal-licensed child care facility with a minimum of 10 percent subsidy children at time of application.
- Be employed at a child care facility at least three months before beginning coursework or have taken Entry Level Child Care Training (ELCCT).
- Work as a teacher, family child care provider or director at least 30 hours per week, earning \$15.50 or less per hour.

Note: Due to the availability of education and training funds, employees from federally funded child care programs are not eligible to participate in the scholarship. Additionally, employees from school-age programs are not eligible to participate in the scholarship at this time.

