



## Child Development Associate Certificate (CDA)

Offered in partnership with the New York Early Childhood Professional Development Institute, the Child Development Associate (CDA) certificate is the only comprehensive 12 credit-bearing CDA in the region.

Earn 12 undergraduate credits in early childhood education that can be applied toward associate's or bachelor's degree programs and New York State teacher certification.

Students who complete the CDA certificate program may apply for the CDA credential, the most widely recognized credential in early childhood education.

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### Program Details

- 4 courses (12 credits)
  - Child Development Birth – 5 Years
  - Observing and Recording Development of the Young Child
  - Integrated Curriculum and Learning Environments
  - Program, Professional, and Family Dynamics
- 120 hours of fieldwork per course
- Courses can be taken fully online or on campus
- Courses meet primarily in the evenings or on weekends
- Courses are approved by the State Education Department and count towards CTLE requirements

### Admission Requirements

Candidates for admission to undergraduate-level certificate programs must possess a high school diploma or a High School Equivalency diploma from New York State (also known as TASC or GED). Applicants are required to submit a personal statement.

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