

The Council for Professional Recognition (the Council), headquartered in Washington, DC, operates the Child Development Associate (CDA) National Credentialing Program. Focusing on the skills of early child care and education professionals, the program is designed to provide performance-based training, assessment, and credentialing of child care staff, home visitors, and family child care providers. The CDA Program represents a national effort to credential qualified early childhood educators who work with children from birth through age 5.

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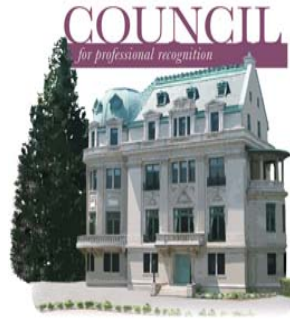
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*"Earning the CDA Credential gives CDAs a sense of pride, increases their self-esteem, and instills confidence."*

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To date, there are **more than 200,000 CDAs** across the country—in all 50 states, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the U.S. territories of Guam and the Virgin Islands.



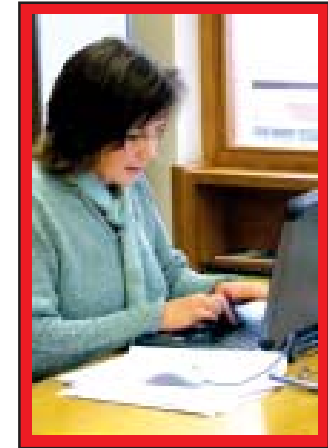
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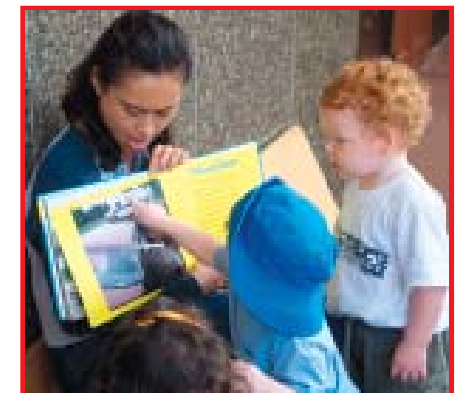
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**CDA:**  
*the Online Way!*



An easy, secure way for early childhood educators to demonstrate their competence. Soon, the CDA Assessment will be available **ONLINE!**



*The Online CDA Assessment will allow a CDA Candidate another option for pursuing a CDA Credential. The four simple steps include:*

**Step 1 — Registration.** Using the online method, the Candidate, Advisor, and Center Director enter the required information. The Candidate then receives confirmation of registration and a log-in name.

**Step 2 — Complete the CDA Application.** The Candidate selects the Credential type (Preschool, Infant/Toddler, or Family Child Care), and records his or her eligibility and documentation collection requirements.

**Step 3 — Payment.** The Council will accept credit cards, checks, or invoices as a form of payment.



**Step 4 — Assessment.** The Candidate completes the two-part assessment.

**Part 1:** The Early Childhood Studies Review is a multiple-choice test designed to test knowledge of appropriate practices.

**Part 2:** The CDA Situational Assessment describes scenarios from early childhood education situations and presents multiple responses. The Candidate then chooses all responses that are appropriate for the situation.

At the end, the Council receives the Assessment results and issues the Credentialing decision.



## CDA: *the Online Way!* **Consider the Advantages ...**

### ✓ **FAST**

Decreases the waiting time for:

- receipt of materials
- scheduling of tests
- receiving the Council's decision

### ✓ **EFFICIENT**

- Offers a step-by-step online tutorial to easily register
- Includes automatic email prompts for Advisor and Director tasks

### ✓ **ACCESSIBLE**

- Eliminates geographic barriers by using the Internet
- Allows the Candidate more control of the assessment process