CDA Credentialing: A Self-Paced and Candidate Driven Professional Development Process

Overview

Candidate: Professional Development

- 120 hours of Professional Education
- 480 hours of Professional Experience
- Professional Portfolio
- Family Questionnaires

Purchase a *Competency Standards* book

Candidate: Application

- Online YourCDA application *or* paper CDA application
- Anytime of the year
- Identify a CDA Professional Development Specialist
- $325 Assessment Fee

Council: Approval

- Application review and approval
- *Ready to Schedule Notice* delivery to the Candidate with a six-months assessment deadline

Candidate: Assessment

- Verification Visit with a CDA Professional Development Specialist
  - ***Review*** of documents prepared in step 1 above
  - ***Observation*** of Candidate in the classroom
  - ***Reflective dialogue***
- CDA Exam at a Pearson Vue test center
- Both completed in any sequence but before a six-month deadline

Council: Credentialing

- Scores electronically submited to the Council by PD Specialist and Pearson Vue
- Credentialing decision