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Ashworth College Creates Higher Degree Opportunities For CDA® Students

Students interested in pursuing a career in early childhood education now have the convenience of online learning and higher education opportunities through the partnership between the Council for Professional Recognition (the Council) and Ashworth College in Georgia. Ashworth has an ongoing initiative to develop “stackable credentials,” which allow students to earn multiple credentials to possibly earn school credits in post-secondary institutions, so that graduates of the Child Development Associate (CDA®) Credential course are able to earn credits in the early childhood education associate’s degree program. The Council administers the national CDA credential.

“In today’s world, we need to constantly think about the most effective ways early childhood educators can access educational training including e-learning,” Valora Washington, chief executive officer, Council for Professional Recognition said. “Ashworth College’s online CDA program helps to ensure the CDA’s Competencies are applied any early childhood setting, which will eventually guide their knowledge in degree program classes if they choose that path.”

One of Ashworth College’s current initiatives includes developing a career and technical education track for high school students in early childhood education that can lead them towards the CDA and higher education opportunities. “It’s important to us to provide multiple pathways of success for our students,” Dr. Christine Jax, Ashworth’s Chief Academic Officer, said. “Our students have the potential to really make a difference in the lives of young children, and we know the CDA credential can help ensure this.”

ABOUT THE COUNCIL FOR PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

The [Council for Professional Recognition](http://www.cdacouncil.org) promotes improved performance and recognition of professionals in the early childhood education of children ages zero to 5 years old. The Council recognizes and credentials professionals who work in all types of early care and education settings – Head Start, pre-k, infant-toddler, family child care, and home visitor programs. As a non-profit agency, the Council sets policies and procedures for assessment and credentialing, publishes the industry leading training books and workbooks, including its *CDA Competency Standards* and *Essentials* textbook and workbook (2nd edition) available in English and Spanish. www.cdacouncil.org

ABOUT ASHWORTH COLLEGE

[Ashworth College](http://www.ashworth.edu) is a for-profit college based in Peachtree Corners, Georgia that offers several different types of higher education and secondary education programs and degrees. All career training and college programs are offered through the college's online platform. Their mission is to empower students to achieve their aspirations through flexible, convenient, affordable, and highly relevant educational programs.