

## CDA® State Fact Sheet

# NORTH CAROLINA



CDA® Credentials Awarded in  
North Carolina: **10,476\***

CDA® Credential Types Awarded in  
North Carolina:

Infant-Toddler **2,950** | Preschool **6,807** |  
Family Child Care **589** | Home Visitor **135**

\*Data since inception of the Council +/- .4% margin of error

## Partnership

The **North Carolina Head Start State Collaboration Office** is located in the Department of Public Instruction, Office of Early Learning, which implements a strategic focus on the pre-K through grade three learning continuum and its impact on high school graduation. The Office of Early Learning's focus on standards, curriculum, instructional practices, and assessment maximizes learning for children throughout the early grades. A priority area for the Head Start Collaboration Office is to work with local partners such as institutions of higher education and professional organizations such as the Council for Professional Recognition to assist in the development of and support for high quality career development opportunities for early childhood educators.

## CDA® Training

- **ProSolutions Training - North Carolina:** ProSolutions offers online training for the Infant-Toddler CDA, Preschool CDA, Family Child Care CDA, and Home Visitor CDA, and online CDA Renewal Training.
- **Successful Solutions Professional Development CDA Training:** Successful Solutions offers two Online Training Delivery Methods: self-study and Virtual Classroom. **North Carolina** Child Care Courses Options include CDA Credential, CDA Competency, and CDA Renewal training.
- **Care Courses - North Carolina CDA Training:** Care Courses CDA training program includes online CDA Credential Training and online CDA Renewal Training.
- **CDA Credential: North Carolina Community College Track:** Established in 2013, the Council worked with the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) to create the "CDA Credential: NC Community College Track." This program allows for individuals working in early care and education settings to earn 17-18 hours of curriculum course credits in the NCCCS that can count toward meeting the CDA Credential training requirements, as well as counting toward earning an associate degree in child development or early childhood education.

## State Scholarship Opportunities

- **T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® North Carolina Scholarship Program:** Child Care Services Association administers and licenses organizations in other states to administer the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship Program. The CDA Assessment Scholarship, CDA Renewal Scholarship, and CDA Renewal Course Only Scholarship are offered through T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® North Carolina. Through these scholarships, eligible recipients can receive payment to cover 85% of the assessment or renewal fee cost and 90% for tuition and books costs.

## Meet: Sheronda Major – North Carolina

*Sheronda Major is on a campaign to serve military families and their young children. As program lead at Stone Street Youth Pavilion in Camp Lejeune, NC, she arms children with the skills they need to learn and helps them combat the stresses of life in the service: frequent moves, adjusting to strange, new places, and making new friends. Her duties also include delegating tasks to the program assistant, overseeing the supply chain for her classroom, and ensuring that the building is safe. She's able to work on multiple fronts while meeting deadlines and maintaining high standards.*

*Her leadership skills let her rise from the rank and file after holding several positions at Stone Street Youth Pavilion. Her CDA made a difference, too, as she explains. "The CDA enhanced my skills, increased my confidence in the classroom and allowed me to exceed the requirements of my job. The credential also showed me how to build trusting bonds with young learners and their parents," Sheronda points out. And she deserves a salute for her sense of service to the family unit. She guides young children to success and gives parents the peace of mind to be ready for the crucial missions they face.*

## What is the CDA®?

The Child Development Associate® (CDA) Credential™ is the most widely recognized credential in early childhood education (ECE) and is a key stepping-stone on the path of career advancement in ECE.

The CDA credential is based on a core set of competency standards, which guide early care professionals as they work toward becoming qualified teachers of young children. The Council works to ensure that the nationally transferable CDA is a credible and valid credential, recognized by the profession as a vital part of professional development.

CDAs have knowledge of how to put the CDA Competency Standards into practice and understanding of why those standards help children move with success from one developmental stage to another. Put simply, CDAs know how to nurture the emotional, physical, intellectual, and social development of children.

Earning the CDA credential has many advantages, including exposure to the larger community of early childhood educators. **Over 800,000 CDA credentials have been issued to date!**

Becoming a CDA is a big commitment, but one that creates confident practitioners with command of today's best practices for teaching young children.

## Meet the Council

The Council for Professional Recognition promotes improved performance and recognition of professionals in the early childhood education of children ages birth to 5 years old. The Council recognizes and credentials professionals who work in all types of early care and education settings including Head Start, pre-k, infant and toddler, family child care, and home visitor programs. As a nonprofit organization, the Council sets policies and procedures for assessment and credentialing. For more information, visit [www.cdacouncil.org](http://www.cdacouncil.org).