

CDA® State Fact Sheet NEBRASKA



CDA® Credentials Awarded in
Nebraska: **2,954***

CDA® Credential Types Awarded in
Nebraska:

Infant-Toddler **817** | Preschool **1,918** |
Family Child Care **81** | Home Visitor **137**

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

Partnership

The **Nebraska Head Start State Collaboration Office** is located in the Department of Education and is overseen by the Office of Early Childhood within the Department. The mission of the Department of Education is to lead and support the preparation of all Nebraskans for learning, earning, and living. Their vision is partnering for the best education for all. 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

The **Nebraska Department of Education (NDE)** authorized the following organizations to complete through the CDA Council alignment process:

- **Nebraska Early Childhood Collaborative:** Provides a 10-week CDA class three times a year that is offered in-person and online in English and Spanish.
- **Quorum:** Provides licensed child development facilities with 120 hours of online instruction required for the CDA.
- **Care Courses:** Provides online CDA Credential Training, including Home Visitor, and online CDA Renewal Training.
- **ChildCare Education Institute (CCEI):** Provides online child care director and staff certificate programs that meet the training requirements of the CDA Credential and CDA Renewal.
- **ProSolutions Training:** Provides online CDA Credential and Renewal training.

- **Teachstone:** Provides online CDA Credential and Renewal courses infused with elements of CLASS to focus on the importance of interactions.

State Scholarship Opportunities

- **Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) CDA Scholarship Project:** The NDE Office of Early Childhood administers the CDA Scholarship Project that provides funds to assist with the costs of the Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential initial assessment or renewal fees.

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.