

The Child Development Education (CDE) Credential

The Child Development Education Credential has been developed to provide an option for those who are located in a secular setting and who have a character development program in place as part of their daily routine. The CDE Credential requires identification of 18 key values taught throughout the year. The lesson plans required for the portfolio must reflect teaching strategies used to teach values to young children. An Observation Tool, Interview, and Portfolio Review will be used to assess character development curriculum implementation during the Verification Visit.

The CDE Credential Requires:

- Character Development Curriculum
- 120 hours of Formal Education
- Credential Process

Other Credential Options Values-Based Child Development Education Credential - VCDE

The VCDE has been developed to provide an option for those in a secular setting who do not have a character development program in place as part of the daily routine. The VCDE requires an additional 24 hours of Values Education which is available as part of the online VCDE Credential Training. The training incorporates concepts outlined in the text, *The Kindness Curriculum*, and offers curriculum suggestions for teaching values.

Christian Child Development Education Credential - CCDE

The CCDE has been developed to provide an option for those in a Christian setting. The CCDE requires an additional 24 hours in Christian Ministry which is available as part of the online CCDE Credential Training. The training incorporates concepts outlined in the text, *Teaching in Christian Weekday Early Education*.

The CDE, VCDE, and CCDE are educational equivalencies to the National CDA. They are DCF approved Florida Child Care Professional Credentials (FCCPC) licensed by the Commission for Independent Education, DOE.

FORMAL EDUCATION

Formal Education requires a total of 120 hours, with a minimum of 10 hours training in each of the following eight areas:

- Child Development**
- Social/Emotional Development**
- Physical/Mental Development**
- Family Relations**
- Health, Safety, Learning Environments**
- Professionalism**
- Observing and Recording Behavior**
- Program Management**

THE CDE CREDENTIAL REQUIRES FORMAL EDUCATION of 120 HOURS

available online and use of a character development program for young children such as Roads to Readiness published by Kaplan or Character Counts.



Online Training

FOR FORMAL EDUCATION

CDEA offers online CDE Credential Training that includes 120 hours of Formal Education. The online CDE Credential Training is available for purchase at www.cdealliance.org.

Online CDE Credential Training

- IACET CEU Certified Training
- Includes Formal Education Requirement (120 hours)

**ALL FOR JUST ONE
LOW PRICE OF \$199**

IACET CEUs

All training offered through the Online CDE Credential Training is approved for IACET CEU credit hours and also meet the criteria for in-service training hours.

CDE Credential for a Great Low Price!

CDE Credential/FCCPC

Online CDE Credential Training	\$199.00
Formal Education (120 hours)	
Registration Fee	\$99.00
Credential Process	\$300.00
*CDE Credential Manual	
TOTAL	\$598.00

*CDE Credential Manual can be downloaded for free or may be ordered from CDEA for \$29.00.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

If you need financial assistance and live in Florida, you may contact:
T.E.A.C.H. Children's Forum
2807 Remington Green Cr/ Tallahassee, FL 32308
(850) 487-6302 or
Toll Free (877) FL-TEACH
www.thechildrensforum.com/teach.htm

What is T.E.A.C.H.?

The **T.E.A.C.H.** (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps) Program:

- Provides scholarships for early childhood caregivers and center directors to work toward earning a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential, a Florida Staff Credential, a Director Credential and credential renewal classes
- Involves a partnership for the sharing of expenses by the caregiver receiving the scholarship, the sponsoring child care center or the family child care home, and the Florida T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhoodâ Scholarship Program

Who is eligible for a T.E.A.C.H. scholarship?

- Any Florida caregiver or director who meets the following criteria is eligible for a scholarship:
- Has a high school diploma or GED
- Works in a licensed or license-exempt early child care facility, in a licensed or registered family child care home or in a licensed after school program
- Works a minimum of 20 hours per week with a birth through pre-K population or in an after school program for a minimum of 520 hours per year
- Has the support of their sponsoring center, home or program
- Has a desire to continue their education
- Is a Florida resident

What does the T.E.A.C.H. scholarship cover?

- The scholarship provides:
- A portion of the cost of tuition and books
- A per semester stipend for travel or internet access fees
- For some scholarship models, reimbursement to the center for release time required for the teacher to participate

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CDE

**The Child Development
Education Credential**

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DCF Approved

FCCPC

**Florida Child Care
Professional Credential**

*CDEA is licensed by the Florida Office
of Independent Education, DOE.*

*The credential
with a difference!*

Offered by



Child Development Education Alliance,
a professional early childhood organization

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Fax 904-573-8839

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Web site www.CDEAlliance.org

Enrollment Information

Enrolling in the online credential training for the CDE Credential is easy! Just go to the CDEA website at www.cdealliance.org. Before enrolling be sure to:

- View the CDE Catalog
- Preview the training
- Fax *Student Enrollment Agreement to 904.573.8839
- Purchase online CDE Credential Training

*A Registration Fee of \$99 is required with submission of the Student Enrollment Agreement. Pay online with PayPal or call CDEA to make payment arrangements. Registration Fee is non-refundable after 30 days.

All CDE Credential Training just \$199!

Call CDEA at (904) 573-8831 or 8833 for more information or to pay by phone.

The CDE Credential Manual is available for download within the online CDE Credential Training or you may order it from CDEA. You must have a printed copy prior to your required first Information Conference Call. Schedule this call as soon as possible after enrolling.

Follow the CDE Credential Manual guidelines for attaining the CDE Credential.

ALL CREDENTIAL CANDIDATES MUST BE a member of the CDEA or a professional organization recognized by NCCIC, the National Child Care Information Council.

ALL TRAINING HOURS
ARE IN ADDITION TO
THE DCF REQUIRED
40 HOURS OF CHILD
CARE TRAINING.



A Timeline for Success

HOW TO EARN YOUR FCCPC ENROLL *1-3 days

- Fax Student Enrollment Agreement to CDEA
- Pay \$99 Registration Fee to CDEA
- Purchase online CDE Credential Training
- Receive Username/Password via email

BEGIN CDE CREDENTIAL TRAINING & CREDENTIAL PROCESS *4-6 months

- Download and print the CDE Credential Manual
- Attend Information Conference Call
- Follow Mentor guidelines in CDE Credential Manual & complete initial Mentor observation
- Begin Formal Education online (120 hours)
- Complete Portfolio as outlined in the CDE Credential Manual

COMPLETE CDE CREDENTIAL TRAINING & CREDENTIAL PROCESS *1-2 months

- Complete Formal Education online (120 hours)
- Attend 2 CDE Conference Calls
- Complete final Mentor observation

SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR CDE CREDENTIAL *2 months

- Ensure all steps on Application are complete
- Mail Application with ALL REQUIRED documentation and Credential Process payment to CDEA
- Allow 6-8 weeks to schedule your Verification Visit

RECEIVE CDE CREDENTIAL/FCCPC *2 months

- The Credential Review Process takes 6-8 weeks after Verification Visit to complete
- CDE Credential will be issued after favorable recommendations by the Credential Review Team
- CDEA will forward credential status to DCF for issuance of a FCCPC/B-5 Staff Credential

*Timeframes are only to be used as a guide. They are representative of most students, but not all. Online CDE Credential Training must be completed before annual subscription expires. Credential Process must be completed within two years of date signed on Student Enrollment Agreement.