



ADVANCE YOUR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CAREER PATHWAY WITH A CDA!

Apply for free courses now!

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WHAT IS THE OPPORTUNITY?

Through a partnership with the Early Childhood Education Professional Development Organization at PASSHE (ECEPDO), HACC will offer a 10-college credit Child Development Associate (CDA) credential to help early childhood professionals advance their careers! Better yet, you could be eligible for free tuition if you qualify (see next steps below). The CDA can be stacked toward an Associate's degree at no cost to you or the childcare program where you work! (Note: If you do not meet PDO-eligibility requirements, class space may still be available, but a registration fee will apply.)

WHAT ARE NEXT STEPS?

Apply for free courses funded by the ECEPDO@PASSHE, if you are not already a PDO-funded student. See the online application for details.

- You must be a PA resident and if you are a child care director, your earnings cannot exceed \$25/hr; for child care teachers, assistant teachers, and aides, your earnings can not exceed \$21.63/hr.
- You must be a current employee at a certified child care program for 3 months or more, or demonstrate employment history of 6 months in child care if you are newly hired. (Note: Students actively enrolled in PDO activities will not be impacted by a change of employer if the new employer is a certified child care program.)
- You must work a minimum of 25 hours per week directly in a certified child care program.
- You must be interested to pursue early childhood education coursework at a PDO-participating college or university.

CDA LOCATION INSTRUCTOR/S

HACC—Zoom (Camera ON!)
INSTRUCTORS
Kathy Buerk
Anna Skamangas-Scaros
Annmarie Malchenson

DATES/TIMES

PART 1
February 23—June 29, 2023
PART 2
July 6—August 17, 2023
MONDAYS & THURSDAYS
6:00-9:00 PM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

February 16, 2023

You must be approved for PDO funding before you can register for class! APPLY HERE.



This project is supported by the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) of Pennsylvania's Department of Human Services (DHS) and Pennsylvania's Department of Education (PDE). For more information, visit dhs.pa.gov and education.pa.gov.





Calling Early Childhood Educators!

Apply and Enroll Today for No-Cost Early Childhood Credentials, Degrees

WHAT IS THIS OPPORTUNITY?

This is an opportunity for early childhood educators who teach and care for young children to advance their careers—

AT NO COST!



Through a state-sponsored grant, the Early Childhood Education Professional Development Organization (ECEPDO@PASSHE) is helping Pennsylvania early childhood teachers, just like you, to advance their career pathways—free!

If you qualify, funding covers tuition/fees and other supports to help you complete a credit-bearing Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential, an Associate's degree, a Bachelor's degree, and even a Teacher Certification in Early Childhood Education! There's no better time to get started!

Through various partnerships with numerous educational entities, the ECEPDO@PASSHE offers this valuable opportunity to advance your career through online, in-person, and hybrid instruction. Visit ecepdo.org to see all our partners.

Join those who have seized this opportunity; you can, too!

THINGS TO GATHER BEFORE YOU APPLY FOR ECEPDO@PASSHE FUNDING

1. Your PD Registry number
2. Your PA Key-verified career pathway level
3. Your employer's full name and address (the program's name)
4. A recent paystub to upload
5. Your hourly wage

If you gather these items before you apply, the application process will go easily and quickly — in about 10 minutes!



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TO QUALIFY FOR PDO FUNDING, YOU MUST:

- ☒ Be a Pennsylvania resident.
- ☒ Be a current employee at a certified child care program for three (3) months or more, or demonstrate employment history of six (6) months in child care if newly hired. (Participants actively enrolled in PDO activities will not be impacted by a change of employer, as long as the new employer is a certified child care program.)
- ☒ Work a minimum of 25 hours per week directly in a certified child care program.
- ☒ Earn no more than the maximum hourly earning limit of \$25.00/hour **if you are a child care director.**
- ☒ Earn no more than the maximum hourly earning limit of \$21.63/hour **if you are a child care teacher, assistant teachers, or aide.**
- ☒ Be interested to pursue coursework at a participating college, university, or other educational partner toward a Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential or an Associate's or Bachelor's degree.
- ☒ GPA and course grades meet transfer requirements; a watch plan is developed for participants who do not meet transfer requirements.
- ☒ Sign a Pennsylvania Early Childhood Education Commitment Form.

ADVANCING YOUR CAREER IS AS EASY AS 1-2-3

STEP 1: Apply at ecepdo.org/get-started

STEP 2: Once your funding eligibility is confirmed, a Professional Development (PD) Coordinator will contact you to discuss your career goals and educational options. Find your PD Coordinator at <https://ecepdo.org/contact-us/>

STEP 3: As your career "navigator," your PD Coordinator will work with you to understand your career goals and to direct you to the education partner in your region that best suits your needs. They will also introduce you to other PDO supports that are available to you.

THIS CAN BE YOUR TIME TO ADVANCE!