



Partners for Professional Development

**APPLY TODAY FOR
NO-OR-LOW-COST PARTICIPATION
AND TO REGISTER FOR SPRING 2022
CLASSES AT ECEPDO PARTNER
SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS!**

3 THREE STEPS

**TO ADVANCE YOUR CAREER IN
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

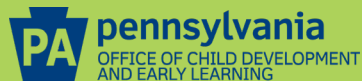
1. Apply for Tuition Assistance
2. Apply to a Partner School or Program
3. Register for Classes

3 THREE PATHWAYS

**TO ADVANCE YOUR ACADEMIC AND
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

1. Child Development Associate Certificate (CDA)
2. Associate's Degree, Early Childhood Education
3. Bachelor's Degree, Early Childhood Education

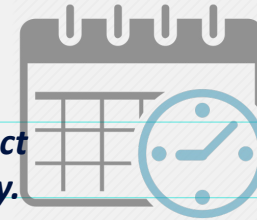
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Advance your education and career goals today!

APPLY AND SCHEDULE TODAY!

***In-person and on-line learning
in a COVID environment is subject
to change and requires flexibility.***



The Early Childhood Education Professional Development Organization (ECEPDO) is a grant-funded educational collaboration among four universities in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) and numerous partner colleges, universities, and programs.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO YOU?

It means that as an early childhood educator, you can earn your Child Development Associate Certificate, Associate's or Bachelor's degrees – ***at low or no cost – and with free tutoring and other supports!***

It also means ***you can take classes at any ECEPDO partner school or program*** and earned credits can be transferred to any other ECEPDO partner school!

This ***gives you options, flexibility, and support*** as you advance your academic and professional career!



This is a ***limited-time opportunity*** exclusively for Pennsylvania residents! **NOW** is the time to take advantage of this offering! ***It's as easy as 1-2-3!***

Your next steps to success start here!

STEP 01

Apply for Tuition Assistance

COMPLETE THE APPLICATION [HERE](#).

The first page of this application will determine your eligibility for tuition sponsorship.

TUITION SPONSORSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- ✓ You must be a Pennsylvania resident.
- ✓ You must be a current employee at a certified childcare program for 3 months or more or demonstrate employment history of 6 months in childcare if you are newly hired. (NOTE: Students actively enrolled in PDO activities will not be impacted by a change of employer, as long as the new employer is a certified childcare program.)
- ✓ You must work a minimum of 25 hours per week directly in a certified childcare program.
- ✓ You must be interested to pursue coursework at a participating college or university toward an AA or BA degree or a CDA credential.

BE SURE TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION!

A PD COORDINATOR WILL CONTACT YOU TO:

- ✓ Confirm your eligibility for tuition assistance;
- ✓ Guide you through the application at a PDO partner university, college, or program; and
- ✓ Help you to register for classes.

Be sure to check your spam folder.

It may contain an email from one of these PD Coordinators.

[Find the PD Coordinator](#) who services your county.

We Set You Up for Success!

Among the supports available to students is a **free 24/7 tutoring service**! Need help in reading, writing, math, and more? Tutor.com is available to you!

Other supports can include **technology** (computer, WiFi), **books** and other learning resources, **success coaching**, public **transportation** to on-site classrooms, **bilingual supports** for Spanish-speaking students, and **childcare help** with your own children! Some of these supports may vary by partner school or program and availability.

CHECK OUT THE ECEPDO WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO

Barriers to your academic and career advancement have been removed!

GET STARTED TODAY!



STEP 02

Apply to a Partner School

WHAT A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO ADVANCE YOUR CAREER IN THE NEW YEAR!

As an early childcare worker/student, you can access many partner institutions of higher education and programs to earn your Child Development Associate (CDA) credential, Associate's degree, or Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education **AT NO OR LOW COST!** You can even explore an **APPRENTICESHIP** so you can earn while you learn!



Partner Schools & Programs

Check class availability each semester, as course offerings may change.

**TRANSFERRING CREDITS AMONG
THESE PARTNER SCHOOLS & PROGRAMS IS A SNAP!**

[Shippensburg University](#)

[Lock Haven University](#)

[East Stroudsburg University](#)

[Edinboro University](#)

[Carlow University](#)

[Clarion University](#)

[Community College of Allegheny County](#)

[Delaware County Community College](#)

[First Up](#)

[Harrisburg Area Community College](#)

[Keystone College](#)

[Lehigh Carbon Community College](#)

[Northampton Community College](#)

[Northwest Institute of Research](#)

[PennAEYC](#)

[Reading Area Community College](#)

[Trying Together](#)

[Westmoreland County Community College](#)

STEP 03

Register for Spring 2022 Courses

Class offerings at ECEPDO-participating schools/programs can change each semester. PDO students can attend courses at any partner school or program. A PD Coordinator can help you locate the programs you need to meet your goals and next steps.

SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY

Contact: Dr. Jennifer Pyles, jlpyles@ship.edu

CDA	ASSOCIATE'S	BACHELOR'S	APPRENTICE-SHIP
Yes	No	Yes	Yes - CDA
Online	N/A	Hybrid	
Credit-Earning	N/A	Credit-Earning	
Starts 1/18/22	N/A	Starts 1/18/22	

EAST STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY

Contact: Dr. Laureen Nelson, lnelson5@esu.edu

CDA	ASSOCIATE'S	BACHELOR'S	APPRENTICE-SHIP
No	No	No	No

Note: ESU is not offering any courses to newly enrolled students for the spring 2022 semester. However, check back for future offerings.

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

Contact: Robin Howell, rhowell@edinboro.edu

CDA	ASSOCIATE'S	BACHELOR'S	APPRENTICE-SHIP
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes – CDA, Associate's, Bachelor's
Online	Online	Online In-Person Hybrid	
Credit-Earning	Credit-Earning	Credit-Earning	
Starts 1/9/22	Starts 1/10/22	Starts 1/10/22	

LOCK HAVEN UNIVERSITY

Contact: Dr. Betsy Manlove, emanlove@lockhaven.edu

CDA	ASSOCIATE'S	BACHELOR'S	APPRENTICE-SHIP
Yes	No	Yes	No
Online	N/A	Hybrid	
Credit-Earning	N/A	Credit-Earning	
Starts 1/24/22	N/A	Starts 1/24/22	

CARLOW UNIVERSITY

Contact: Raeann Hirsh, rahirsh@carlow.edu

CDA	ASSOCIATE'S	BACHELOR'S	APPRENTICE-SHIP
Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes - CDA, Bachelor's
Online In-Person Hybrid	N/A	Hybrid	
Credit-Earning	N/A	Credit-Earning	
Starts 1/11/22	N/A	Starts 1/11/22	

CLARION UNIVERSITY

Contact: Louann Bonnett, lhumphrey@clarion.edu

CDA	ASSOCIATE'S	BACHELOR'S	APPRENTICE-SHIP
No	Yes	No	No
	Online		
	Credit-Earning		
	Starts 1/18/22		

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Contact: Melanie Yeschenko, myeschenko@ccac.edu

CDA	ASSOCIATE'S	BACHELOR'S	APPRENTICE-SHIP
Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes - Associate's
Online	Hybrid	N/A	
Credit-Earning	Credit-Earning	N/A	
Starts 1/18/22	Starts 1/18/22	N/A	

DELAWARE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Contact: Jean Allison, jallison@dccc.edu

CDA	ASSOCIATE'S	BACHELOR'S	APPRENTICE-SHIP
No	Yes	N/A	Yes – Associate's
	Online		
	Credit-Earning		
	1/20/22		

STEP 03

HARRISBURG AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Contact: Melissa Nagengast, manageng@hacc.edu (CDA)
Jennifer Wright, jswright@hacc.edu (AA)

CDA	ASSOCIATE'S	BACHELOR'S	APPRENTICE-SHIP
No	Yes	N/A	No
	Hybrid		
	Credit-Earning		
	Starts 1/18/22		

KEYSTONE COLLEGE

Contact: Dr. Fran Langan, fran.langan@keystone.edu

CDA	ASSOCIATE'S	BACHELOR'S	APPRENTICE-SHIP
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes – CDA, Associate's Bachelor's
Online In-Person Hybrid	Online In-Person Hybrid	Online In-Person Hybrid	
Credit-Earning	Credit-Earning	Credit-Earning	
Starts 1/17/22	Starts 1/17/22	Starts 1/17/22	

LEHIGH CARBON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Contact: Tonia Breech, tbreech@lccc.edu

CDA	ASSOCIATE'S	BACHELOR'S	APPRENTICE-SHIP
Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes – CDA Associate's
Online In-Person Hybrid	Online In-Person Hybrid		
Credit-Earning	Credit-Earning		
Starts 1/18/22	Starts 1/18/22		

NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Contact: Cathe Kuker, ckuker@northampton.edu

CDA	ASSOCIATE'S	BACHELOR'S	APPRENTICE-SHIP
Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes – CDA, Associate's
Online In-Person Hybrid	Online In-Person Hybrid		
Credit-Earning	Credit-Earning		
Start date 1/18/22	Start date 1/18/22		

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NORTHWEST INSTITUTE OF RESEARCH

Contact: Steve Carr, scarr@rrcnpa.org

CDA	ASSOCIATE'S	BACHELOR'S	APPRENTICE-SHIP
Yes	N/A	N/A	
Virtual			
Non-Credit			
Start dates: 2/22/22 3/28/22			

PENNAEYC

Contact: Rose Snyder, rsnyder@pennaeyc.org

CDA	ASSOCIATE'S	BACHELOR'S	APPRENTICE-SHIP
Yes	N/A	N/A	No
Online (including Spanish)			
Non-Credit			
Start date TBD			

READING AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Contact: Dr. Robin Eckert, reckert@racc.edu

CDA	ASSOCIATE'S	BACHELOR'S	APPRENTICE-SHIP
Yes	Yes	N/A	No
Online In-Person Hybrid	Online In-Person Hybrid		
Credit-Earning	Credit-Earning		
Start date: 1/18/22	Start date: 1/18/22		

TRYING TOGETHER

Contact: Jan Saptichne, jan@tryingtogether.org

CDA	ASSOCIATE'S	BACHELOR'S	APPRENTICE-SHIP
Yes	N/A	N/A	No
Online			
Matriculates 9 credits to Carlow Univ.			
Start date: TBD			

STEP 03

WESTMORELAND COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Contact: Brandi Weekley, weekleyb@westmoreland.edu

CDA	ASSOCIATE'S	BACHELOR'S	APPRENTICE-SHIP
Yes	Yes	N/A	No
Online	Hybrid		
Credit-Earning	Credit-Earning		
Start date: 1/10/22	Start date: 1/10/22		

Student Success Stories

This can be you!



[Childcare operator completes CDA, pursues Associate's degree](#)



[Multi-lingual PDO student speaks a language of love for children](#)



[Working student Shaunte Sloan-Ambush offers lessons that last](#)

GETTING STARTED

Review the syllabus and be sure to have your text, note pads, and other study tools.

Know how and when to reach your instructor, where to submit your work, and how to access resources.

SET A SCHEDULE

Schedule times to advance through course modules and participate in online discussions with your instructor and other students.

Know when assignments are due and mark your calendar!

SET UP STUDY, BREAK ZONES



Set up a comfortable, well-lit area and designate it for study. Avoid working from the couch or bed.

If possible, go to a different area to take breaks.

ASK QUESTIONS READILY

Ask questions as soon as you have them. Do not wait to get clarification.

Send your instructor an email or post a message through the online learning platform being used.



ENGAGE!

Participation helps to keep you engaged and increases both understanding and retention.

Collaborate with other students and your instructor regularly.



BE PATIENT WITH YOURSELF

Early child care educators are typically "people-oriented," so you may find it challenging to learn online. **YOU CAN DO IT!**

Remember, distance learning offers you flexibility in ways in-person instruction does not readily offer.



This Can Be
You!

