

These days, it's important to show what you know...

With all the new information about the kinds of environments that lead to positive outcomes for children, and the current concerns about children's readiness for school, today's child care provider wants to be able to show parents and others that she or he knows what to do to help children develop, grow, and learn in healthy ways.

It's important for child care providers to be able to "show what they know" through demonstrated and documented competency standards.

The review and evaluation process conducted for CDA gives you the documentation you need to prove your skills and knowledge.

- The Child Development Associate (CDA) national requirements are:
- 120 hours of formal education in child development/early childhood
- 480 hours of work experience
- Observation by a qualified early childhood advisor
- Surveys of parents
- Compilation of a Professional Resource File
- National CDA assessment exam

CDA is a program of the National Council for Professional Recognition, and is endorsed by NAEYC, the National Association for the Education of Young Children.



ND CCR&R CDA Training Program
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Put your training to work for you!

- Are you a person who attends more training than is required each year?
- Do you love learning more about children and their development?
- Do you want to have something significant to show for the training you attend?
- Would you like to be recognized for the skills and knowledge you bring to your work?
- Are you ready for a new challenge?



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CDA YOUR WAY

**Now you can earn your
CDA Credential in several ways,
to meet your own needs.**

Earn your CDA by choosing the option that meets your needs!

OPTION 1:

Learning Path (clock hours)

If you like to attend a variety of training sessions, enjoy the freedom to complete training on your own schedule and at your own pace, and you are not interested in earning college credits, this is the option for you.

In this option, individuals develop a personalized Learning Path by selecting from a menu of pre-approved **ND CCR&R Training**, offered online and face-to-face across the state.

To begin earning your CDA this way:

- Call CCR&R to talk with your local Training Coordinator and develop a personal Learning Path—the plan of the courses you will take to meet your CDA training goals.
- Using the CCR&R Online Training Calendar, complete the courses identified on your Learning Path. Many courses are offered online. You can register and pay online, and complete many courses without ever leaving your home.
- Document training by printing your own CCR&R training certificates and transcript.
- Work with your regional CCR&R Professional Development Coordinator to complete the other components of the CDA.
- When you have completed the required 120 hours of approved training and the other components of the national CDA, you are ready to file for national CDA assessment.
- This option is self-paced—it's up to you!
- Costs for this option are:
 - \$960 estimated training costs (based on 120 hours of training at approximately \$8/hr)
 - \$200 estimated advisor fee
 - \$325 national assessment fee

OPTION 2:

Distance Learning Course (clock hours)

If you want to complete CDA training within 12 months, prefer to complete a packaged CDA training program that prepares you for the national CDA Assessment process, and wish to have the help and support of a CDA instructor, this is the option for you.

In this option, individuals register for **ND CCR&R CDA Training Program**, a distance learning course. The course is divided into three modules, each of which is offered for 45-clock hours. You may register for one module at a time, or for a "bundle" of all three modules. Completion of all three modules is necessary to meet the national CDA training requirement.

To begin earning your CDA this way:

- Using the CCR&R Online Training Calendar, register and pay online for the modules you wish to take.
- Registration is open—you may register at any time
- Your course packet or packets are available as PDF and e-files to be downloaded to and completed on your own computer. Contact CCR&R if you prefer to purchase a paper version of the modules. You complete the modules on your own time, from the comfort of your own home!
- Order the course textbooks through the NDSU Varsity Mart Bookstore 701-231-7761. Request the books for the course titled "CDFS 194"
- Complete the learning assignments and other CDA components, and return the course packet or packets within 12 months of the date you registered for the course to receive clock hours.
- Document training by printing your own CCR&R training certificates and transcript.
- When you have successfully completed the three course modules, and the other components of the national CDA, you are ready to file for national CDA assessment.
- This option is independent study—it's up to you!

- Costs for this option are:

\$255 per module or \$765 for all 3 modules

NOTE: Fee is non-refundable

\$200 one-time book fee (covers all 3 modules)

\$200 estimated advisor fee

\$325 national assessment fee

*Credit card or check card required for online registration and payment. Contact your regional CCR&R Training office to pay by check or money order. Fees are subject to change.

OPTION 3:

College Credit

If you would like to earn college credits for your CDA coursework and live in an area that makes it difficult for you to get to a college campus, this option is for you.

To begin earning your CDA this way:

- Register at NDSU Continuing Education online at <http://www.ndsu.edu/DCE> or 701-231-8638. Registration is open three times each year, on the semester schedule.
- Complete the registration form for CDFS 194, module 1, 2, or 3. NOTE: We recommend that you register for only one module at a time since you must complete the modules for which you register in the 15 week semester period.
- Register with "special student status." First time students may need to complete an NDSU registration form and pay a one-time fee of \$35.
- NDSU will notify CCR&R when you have registered. You will then be able to download your course materials through ND CCR&R Training Online
- Complete the course requirements as noted in Option #2. Each module is offered for 3 semester college credits.
- Cost per module is set by NDSU. Other costs are the same as those listed above.