

Course Title: ND CCR&R CDA Training Program

- **Module 1:** Establishing the Environment (45 clock hours)
- **Module 2:** Child Growth and Development (45 clock hours)
- **Module 3:** Introduction to the Early Childhood Profession (45 clock hours)

Taken together, the three modules fulfill the 120 hour education requirement of the national CDA Council.

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Texts: Texts are available at the NDSU Varsity Mart Bookstore, 701-231-7761.
Request the books for “CDFS 194.”

CDA Module 1, 2, and 3

Self-Study Packet

Available to print as a PDF file or to download to your own computer as a fill-able WORD document. Paper copies can also be ordered from CCR&R for \$12.00/packet

Copple, C. and Bredekamp, S., Ed. (2009). ***Developmentally Appropriate Practices in Early Childhood Programs***. Washington, DC: NAEYC.

Approximate cost: \$35.00

Dodge, D. T., Colker, L. J., and Heroman, C. (2002). ***The Creative Curriculum for Preschool (4th edition)***. Washington, DC: Teaching Strategies.

Approximate cost: \$39.95

Dodge, D. T., Rudick, S., and Berke, K. (2006). ***The Creative Curriculum for Infants, Toddlers, and Twos (2nd edition)***.

Washington, DC: Teaching Strategies.

Approximate cost: \$44.95

Koralek, D. G., Dodge, D. T., and Pizzolongo, P. J. (2004). ***Caring for Preschool Children (3rd ed)***. Washington, DC: Teaching Strategies.

Approximate cost: \$49.95 per volume

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CDA students are also required to obtain:

- A copy of their state child care licensing rules and regulations for the child care setting in which the student works. State licensing rules and regulations are available online free of charge.
- The Direct Assessment application packet from the national CDA Council. Packets can be purchased through:

The Council for Professional Recognition
2460 16th St NW
Washington, DC 20009
800-424-4310 or www.cdacouncil.org

Packet Price: \$15.00 plus \$5.00 for shipping = \$20.00 (fee subject to change). Packets are available in three areas of specialization: Infant/Toddler, Preschool, or Family child care. **CDA students must select the packet that applies to their current career position.**

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Description:

The three CDA modules are designed to meet the education requirements leading to the award of nationally recognized early childhood professional credential, the Child Development Associate (CDA). Each module addresses specific CDA functional areas. Because the CDA Credential is awarded on the basis of demonstrated competence in working with young children, emphasis is on practical application of skills and concepts. The course is structured as a self-study, self-paced distance learning course.

Registration is open – students may register at any time and begin their CDA training. Students have twelve months from the date of registration to complete the modules for which they've registered. Students may register for one or more of the CDA modules at a time, but **successful completion of all three modules is required to fulfill the national CDA educational requirement.** Registration fees are non-refundable and no extensions are allowed.

Each module consists of 25 read-respond study lessons, 3 quizzes, and 1 comprehensive multiple choice exam. Lessons are based on reading from the required textbooks. The module also includes tip sheets and templates for completing additional national CDA requirements such as the student's autobiography, competency statements, competency assessment, and the collections of resources for the Professional Resource File.

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Requirements:

For **each** module, students read assigned text sections, and complete 25 read and respond self-study lessons, the 3 quizzes, and the comprehensive exam with a minimum proficiency of 80% to receive a certificate for the 45-clock hours. Students must also document the additional CDA competency requirements (autobiography, competency

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statements, competency assessment, and collection of resources) as part of the course requirements.

Evaluation Plan:

The final grade for each module is based on the following percentages:

Assignment	Total Points Possible	Percentage of Grade
25 Study Sessions	10 pts each / 250 total	68%
3 Quizzes	15 pts each / 45 total	12%
Comprehensive Exam	50 pts total	14%
Competency Assessment	15 pts total	4%
Resource File Components (Competency Statements, and Resources)	10 pts total	2%
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS	370	100%*

A*minimum point total of 80% is required to receive clock hours for each module.

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