

Take courses toward earning your Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential tuition-free!

What is this opportunity?

Early childhood educators who teach and care for young children can advance their own education!

Through a state grant, the Northwest Professional Development Organization (NWPDO) and Mercyhurst University are helping PA early childhood teachers advance their career pathways by earning their CDA credential. Mercyhurst values quality professional development and compensation for all educators, especially those caring for the youngest learners. Tuition coverage for the CDA is available for eligible candidates!

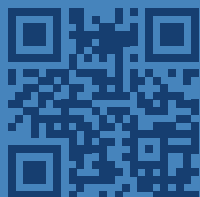


Scan the QR code to review grant eligibility requirements and submit a NWPDO student interest form.



Why choose Mercyhurst?

- Mercyhurst offers an accelerated online sequence for the CDA. You can complete your coursework in about six months! Register for our next cohort by Jan. 14, 2026.
 - EDUC 105 Health & Wellness (3 credits)
7 weeks Jan. - March
 - EDUC 107 Early Foundations (3 credits)
8 weeks March – May
 - EDUC 108 Language & Literacy I (3 credits)
6 weeks May – June
- CDA classes are online and asynchronous. Candidates work independently through weekly modules at times that fit their busy schedules.
- Our expert faculty “know their stuff” and can speak to best practices in education, including supporting each of their own students – like you.



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