

EARN YOUR CDA

100% FREE AT PENNWEST UNIVERSITY

WHAT IS THIS OPPORTUNITY?

Pennsylvania early childhood educators who work at least 25 hours per week with children aged birth to 5 can earn their Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential at no cost through the PennWest office of Continuing Education.

This online program includes three college courses (9 credits) plus CDA professional portfolio coaching, with weekly instructor support and guidance. Classes are asynchronous and flexible, so you can complete coursework on your own schedule while working full-time.



CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY

WHY PENNWEST?

This isn't a self-paced online program where you're on your own. At PennWest, you get real support from real instructors every step of the way.

- Small class sizes – personal attention, not a crowded online course
- Step-by-step coaching to build your CDA professional portfolio
- CDA exam preparation included
- Guidance for the CDA verification site visit
- Career-building pathway: earn 9 college credits that can continue into a fully online associate degree at PennWest
- Flexible for working educators

COURSE LINEUP

January 19 | CDA 1 – Understanding Young Children

April 6 | CDA 2 – Intentional Instruction

June 22 | CDA 3 – Family & Community Partnerships

August 31 | CDA 4 – CDA Portfolio & Test Prep

**REGISTER BY
12/20/2025**

**TO JOIN OUR
NEXT COHORT**



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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