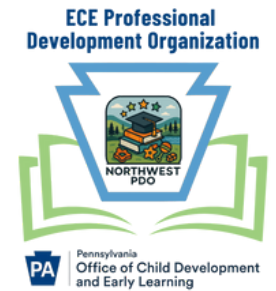


FIND THE RIGHT CDA CLASSES FOR YOU!

Explore key definitions to help you choose the right classes for your CDA credential, and review course options across colleges and universities to find the best fit for your needs.



Important Definitions

Synchronous

These classes happen live at a set time. You and your classmates all join online or in person during the scheduled class time. During class, You can listen to the teacher, ask questions, talk with classmates, and do activities together in real time. You need to be available at the scheduled time to participate.

Asynchronous

These classes do not meet live. Instead, the instructor posts videos, readings, and assignments for you to complete on your own schedule. You still have deadlines, but you can watch lessons, do your work, and study whenever it works best for you. You control the pace, as long as everything is turned in on time.

Ready for Your Next Steps?

Once you know where you would like to take CDA classes, submit your NWPDO Student Application to get approved today!

NWPDO Student Application



Use the QR code or link to submit your NWPDO Student Application

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Mercyhurst

Class Registration Deadline: January 14 2026

All class offered for CDA through Mercyhurst are **online and asynchronous**.

EDUC 105: Health & Wellness (3 credits) - 7 weeks - January - March

EDUC 107: Early Foundations (3 credits) - 8 weeks - March - May

EDUC 108: Language & Literacy I (3 credits) - 6 weeks - May - June



Penn West

Class Registration Deadline: December 20 2025

All class offered for CDA through Penn West are **asynchronous**.

CDA 1: Understanding Young Children (3 credits) - January 19

CDA 2: Intentional Instruction (3 credits) - April 6

CDA 3: Family & Community Partnerships (3 credits) - June 22

CDA 4: CDA Portfolio & Test Prep (1 credit) - August 31



CCBC

Class Registration Deadline: December 10 2025

All class offered for CDA through CCBC are **asynchronous**.

Spring 2026

ERCH 100: Intro to Early Childhood - January 12 - March 2

Monday 6:00-7:00pm optional class meeting - recorded

ERCH 105: Child Development, Health, and Safety - March 16 - May 4

Monday 6:00- 7:00pm optional class meeting - recorded

Fall 2026 - August 24 - October 9

ERCH 212: Infants & Toddler - final CDA class for IT CDA

ERCH 101: Observation & Guidance - final CDA class for Preschool CDA

