

CIRCLE CDA Training

The Children's Learning Institute is expanding its online courses to provide early childhood teachers the training hours needed to apply for the Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential™ for Center-Based Programs, Preschool Endorsement. This training program provides a new professional development opportunity and career pathway for early childhood teachers.

In this training program, teachers will receive all 120 hours of high-quality professional development in the 13 CDA Functional Areas, as well as support to complete the required CDA competency statements and professional portfolio. All resources for the CIRCLE CDA Training Program are hosted on the Children's Learning Institute's online platform, CLI Engage.



WHY A CDA?

Benefits of the Child Development Associate™ Credential include:

- Career advancement
- Meet job requirements
- Reinforced commitment to early childhood education
- Provide parents with peace of mind
- Understand developmentally appropriate practice
- Increased confidence

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

Teachers interested in pursuing a CDA can earn all 120 needed to apply for the credential through the CIRCLE CDA Training Program, as well as prepare their CDA professional portfolio, through the resources on CLI Engage.

Beyond the CIRCLE CDA Training Program, teachers will complete the following to earn a CDA:

- Purchase CDA textbooks from the Council for Professional Recognition
- Complete their professional portfolio and family questionnaires
- Apply for their CDA and pay the application fee to the Council for Professional Recognition
- Schedule and complete the CDA verification visit and CDA exam
- Earn a CDA!

For more information about the CIRCLE CDA Training Program, contact: Children's Learning Institute at circlecdatraining@uth.tmc.edu.



CIRCLE CDA is a part of the Children's Learning Institute



EXPANDING COURSES

Teachers participating in the CIRCLE CDA Training Program will complete 80 hours of eCIRCLE online professional development courses used for over 12 years by preschool teachers. These areas include:

- Foundations for Responsive Instruction
- School-wide Improvement
- Early Language and Literacy Instruction
- STEM Instruction

For the CIRCLE CDA Training Program, CLI will create new online courses to supplement eCIRCLE and prepare teachers for the CDA in the following areas:

- Guidance
- Health
- Safety
- Families
- Physical Development
- Creative Arts
- Professionalism

Modules from the Texas Core Competencies for Early Childhood Practitioners and Administrators Training are also available to be applied to the CDA Training Program.

TEACHER SUPPORT

Through the CIRCLE CDA Training Program, teachers can complete the courses, competency statements, and professional portfolio on their own, completely online. The online courses can also be facilitated in face-to-face classes, utilizing facilitation guides provided to approved facilitators by the Children's Learning Institute.



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CIRCLE CDA Training Program

The Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential™ is the most widely recognized credential in early childhood education and is a key stepping stone on the path of career advancement in the early childhood field. The CDA is based on a core set of competency standards, which guide early care professionals as they work toward becoming qualified teachers of young children. To qualify, early childhood teachers must have a strong knowledge base (education and professional development) and demonstrated practice (experience in the classroom). Help your teachers achieve their CDA through the CIRCLE CDA Training Program!

The table below details the courses available to teachers the CIRCLE CDA Training Program in each of the six CDA Competency Goals, as well as the introduction and professional portfolio courses. Through the program, teachers will receive all 120 hours needed to apply for their CDA, and support to complete the professional portfolio.

CDA Competency Goals	Courses on CLI Engage	TOTAL
<i>Plan Your CDA Journey</i>	CIRCLE CDA Introduction	120 training hours through CIRCLE CDA Training Program
Goal I: To establish and maintain a safe, healthy learning environment.	CIRCLE CDA Safety CIRCLE CDA Health eCIRCLE Classroom Management	
Goal II: To advance physical and intellectual competence.	CIRCLE CDA Physical eCIRCLE Early Childhood Math eCIRCLE Early Childhood Science eCIRCLE Letter Knowledge eCIRCLE Read Aloud eCIRCLE Vocabulary eCIRCLE Phonological Awareness eCIRCLE Written Expression eCIRCLE Setting the Stage for Children’s Talk eCIRCLE English Language Learners CIRCLE CDA Creative	
Goal III: To support social and emotional development and to provide positive guidance.	eCIRCLE Social and Emotional Learning eCIRCLE Understanding Special Needs CIRCLE CDA Guidance	
Goal IV: To establish positive and productive relationships with families.	CIRCLE CDA Families	
Goal V: To ensure a well-run purposeful program that is responsive to participants needs.	eCIRCLE Setting the Stage for Children’s Talk eCIRCLE Prekindergarten Response to Intervention CIRCLE CDA Program Management	
Goal VI: To maintain a commitment to professionalism.	CIRCLE CDA Professionalism	
<i>Prepare Your Professional Portfolio</i>	CIRCLE CDA Professional Portfolio	