2024-25 ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

CHILD DEVELOPMENT (CTCDA)

Certificate

Jumpstart your career with a CDA! This program prepares students to meet all the requirements to apply for the national Child Development Associate (CDA) credential, the most widely recognized credential in early childhood education. The CDA is a key stepping stone on the path of career advancement. This program emphasizes skills from the 13 functional areas required by the National Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition. The CDA is recognized by the State of Michigan Child Care Licensing as a qualification needed for a lead teacher in a child care center or family child care home. This certificate can be earned with 10 credits and is the first step in achieving an associate degree.

T.E.A.C.H. scholarships covering tuition and the CDA assessment are available for qualified students. For more info: miaeyc.org.

Limited scholarships may be available for students living in and working in early childhood programs in Washtenaw County. Contact Beth Marshall for more information at beamarshall@wccnet.edu.

This is a high demand program as defined by the Michigan Community College Network.

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Description

This program prepares students to meet all the requirements to apply for the national Child Development Associate (CDA) credential. It also prepares students for employment in child care centers or in family home daycare settings working with infants and toddlers, or preschoolers. Skills from the 13 functional areas required by the National Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition are emphasized.

Admissions Requirements

Students must be at least 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or equivalent.

Course Requirements

Major/Area Requirements

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Total Credits Required: 10

Footnotes

*This additional course is not required for the WCC Certificate, but may be taken to prepare for the final assessment test administered by the National Council and to complete the final observation assessment for the Child Development Associate credential.

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