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CDA Training Online

Open-Enrollment * Self-Paced * Mobile Friendly

CDA Training Options

We offer two options for completing the 120 hours of formal early childhood education training:

- **Option #1: CDA Virtual Classroom - Full tuition option $385**
- **Option #2: Nexport Campus CDA Training - Full tuition option $399**

Below is a chart describing the difference between the two options.

	Option 1 CDA Virtual Classroom	Option 2 Nexport Campus	Explanation
Course curriculum	Developed by Successful Solutions Training in Child Development	E-Learning courseware is provided in partnership with Smart Horizons.	
Free preview	Register and click on *"Take a Look! Enroll Later" option*	View the Video demonstration	
Training Method	100% Online	100% Online	Requires internet access.
Language	English	English	Currently unavailable in other languages.
Textbooks	None	None	Coursework is presented completely online.

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	Option 1 CDA Virtual Classroom	Option 2 Nexport Campus	Explanation
Materials to purchase	None	None	The 120 hours of training is included. No additional materials are needed for the training.
Mobile friendly	YES	YES	Most students are able to successfully complete the courses on a cell phone or tablet. Requires accessing training using a browser on the mobile device.
Automated courseware	YES	YES	Fully automated courses keep track of your progress, resumes where you left off.
Instructor-Led	YES	NO	Option 1 only: Progress through the program monitored by instructors. Online instructor interaction and feedback via discussion boards and assignments.
Peer discussion boards	YES	NO	Option 1 only
Assignment/quiz format	Open-ended questions and multi-choice quizzes	No written work, all multiple-choice questions	
Optional resources and handouts	YES	NO	Option 1 only
Professional portfolio instructions and resources	YES	NO	Option 1 only
Narrator	NO	YES	Option 2 only: Progress through each page aligns with the narrator reading each page. When the narrator finishes reading, then the student moves forward to the next page.

	Option 1 CDA Virtual Classroom	Option 2 Nexport Campus	Explanation
Total credit hours awarded	120 clock-hours	120 hours/12 CEU	
Tuition Cost	$385	$399	
Payment Plan Option	$60 per Unit 8 Units Each Unit is 15 hours	Cost varies by module according to hours in module.	
Half Now/Half Later Option	Units 1-4 $200 Units 5-8 $200	Modules 1-4 $249 Modules 5-8 $249	
Enrollment Expiration	1 Year from date of payment	1 Year from date of payment	A 1-year extension can be purchased for $150.
State Annual Training Credit	Varies	Varies	*__Click Here for a PDF chart of our state approvals.__*

Frequently Asked Questions About the CDA Training

The following are questions which students frequently ask about the CDA Credential Training.

If you don't see the answer to your question, click on the live student support chat button on the bottom left corner of the web page and we will be happy to help.

Are there text books to purchase?

There Are No Textbooks

- Our CDA training is completely online.
- The CDA courses are completed on a computer or mobile device, from any location that has an internet access.
- There are no books to purchase for the CDA Training. Nothing will be mailed to you.

How long does it take to complete the CDA Training?

The CDA Training Takes 120 Hours

- The CDA training meets the educational requirements of the National CDA Credential, which requires 120 hours of child care courses.
- The online CDA courses do take approximately the time which is awarded for each course. You can expect that a 1-hour course will take about 1 hour to complete.
- The CDA classes can be finished in a month, or you may take a year.
- If you work on the CDA training 10 hours per week, then it will take 3 months to complete the 120 hours of CDA training.

What are the costs associated with enrolling in CDA coursework?

CDA Training Tuition

We offer 2 choices for completing the 120 hours of CDA Training:

- **Option #1: CDA Virtual Classroom - Full tuition option $385**
- **Option #2: Nexport Campus CDA Training - Full tuition option $399**
- Both options have payment plans available.
- There are no additional fees for the online CDA training. There are no textbooks to purchase.
- The Council fee is not included in our CDA program.

Can I make payments?

YES! There are payment options.

Option #1: CDA Virtual Classroom

1. **The full tuition** option for the CDA Virtual Classroom is $385.

2. **Pay half now, and half later!** There is no due date for the second payment. When you finish the first half of the CDA training, then you enroll in the second half.

3. **One-Unit-at-a-Time:** There are a total of 8 Units in the CDA Virtual Classroom program, each unit is 15 hours of training. **The cost is $60 per unit.** There are no due dates for each payment. When you pay for the courses in Unit 1, you will receive access to those childcare courses. Once you have completed Unit 1, then process payment for Unit 2 and we will activate the next Unit. Units must be done in order.

Option #2: Nexport Campus CDA Training

1. The full tuition option for the CDA Training is $399. This is ONLY $3.33 per hour of CDA coursework.

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2. [Pay half now, and half later!](#) There is no due date for the second payment. When you finish the first half of the CDA training, then you enroll in the second half.

3. [Pay-As-You Go](#): Tuition is based on a per CDA module fee. The price per module varies according to the number of hours in the module. There are no due dates for each payment. When you pay for the courses in CDA Module 1: Safe and Healthy Environment, you will receive access to those childcare courses. Once you have completed those CDA courses, then process payment for CDA module 2 and we will activate the next set of childcare classes in your student platform.

Is that the only cost for a CDA?

No, the CDA training tuition is not the only cost.

- There are <u>no</u> additional costs for the CDA Training.

- However, after you get your CDA coursework certificate from us, you will need to take your final CDA exam with the CDA Council of Professional Recognition. They do charge a fee for this test. The CDA assessment fee is $425.00 if you apply online. However, many states have either a scholarship and/or a reimbursement program in place to cover the cost of that test.

What are the total costs to obtain a CDA Credential?

Costs to obtain a CDA Credential from start to finish.

1. The tuition for 120 hours of CDA training.

2. Purchase a Competency Standards book from the CDA Council ($25 + shipping and handling). This book is sometimes referred to as the "CDA Application Packet".

3. The $425 (*if you apply online*) CDA assessment fee is paid to the CDA Council of Professional Recognition once you have completed the training.

What is included in the $425 assessment fee to the CDA Council?

The CDA Assessment fee includes:

- The final assessment CDA exam which you will take at a PearsonVUE testing center.

- The CDA Professional Development Specialist coming to your program to observe you working with children and conducting the verification visit.

What if I don't get a scholarship for the test with the CDA Council?

The CDA training certificates do not expire.

- Once you have received your CDA certificate for the training, you can wait until you have the money saved, and submit the CDA application and assessment fee to the CDA Council when you can.

- You will have our certificates to show your employer, child care licensing or other interested party to prove that you completed the CDA class.

What if I have trouble accessing the course or running it on my computer?

Technical Support Available

- Our student support staff is able to help with the most common trouble shooting. Student support is available 7 days a week.

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Can I complete the courses on a tablet or cell phone?

Both training options are mobile friendly

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How long do I have to complete the CDA Training program?

Enrollment is a 1-year subscription.

- Students have 12 months to complete the online CDA childcare courses.

- Enrollment extensions can be purchased if necessary.

What is a "Professional Portfolio"?

A CDA Professional Portfolio is a binder of specific resource items.

- This is simply a list of information that the student needs to collect and place in a binder or penda flex portfolio before they test with the CDA Council. We give you the list of the items you must collect. These items can be downloaded off of the internet.

- The Competency Standards book which you purchase from the CDA Council offers detailed instructions, and you will want to be sure to order this packet as soon as possible.

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Is there help with preparing the portfolio?

Yes, there are resources available to help with the portfolio.

- We provide free helpful resources, including instructions, templates, and student examples.

- There is also detailed instructions in the Competency Standards book which you purchase from the CDA Council.

Once I finish the 120 hours of training do, I get my certificate?

Yes – for the CDA training.

- Once you complete the 120 hours of training, you will receive one certificate for all 120 hours of childcare courses.

- You will then need to proceed with the rest of the CDA Credentialing process to obtain the CDA Credential certificate.

CDA Credential Process

The CDA credentialing program is administered by the CDA Council at the Council for Professional Recognition, a non-profit organization whose mission is to "promote improved performance and recognition of professionals in the early childhood education of children ages birth to 5 years old." The CDA Credential is acknowledged and accepted Nationwide and serves as proof that the person holding the CDA is an educated, qualified, early childhood professional.

Click on the links below to read about the CDA Credentialing process.

1. **Step 1: 120 Hours of CDA Training**
2. **Step 2: Work Experience**
3. **Step 3: Professional Portfolio**
4. **Step 4: Apply for CDA Credential**
5. **Step 5: Verification Visit/Exam**

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