THREE STEPS TO ADVANCE YOUR CAREER IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

1. Apply for Tuition Assistance
2. Apply to a Partner School or Program
3. Register for Classes

THREE PATHWAYS TO ADVANCE YOUR ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

1. Child Development Associate Certificate (CDA)
2. Associate’s Degree, Early Childhood Education
3. Bachelor’s Degree, Early Childhood Education

Apply today for no-or-low-cost participation, school enrollment, and to register for classes at partner schools and programs!

Advance your education and career goals today!

Apply and schedule today!

In-person and on-line learning in a COVID environment is subject to change and requires flexibility.

The Professional Development Organization (PDO) is a grant-funded educational collaboration among four universities in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) and numerous partner colleges, universities, and programs across the state.

What does this mean to you?

It means that as an early childhood educator, you can earn your Child Development Certificate, Associate’s or Bachelor’s degrees – at low or no cost – and with free tutoring and other supports!

It also means you can take classes at any PASSHE PDO partner school or program and earned credits can be transferred to any other PDO partner school!

This gives you options, flexibility, and support as you advance your academic and professional career!

This is a limited-time opportunity exclusively for Pennsylvania residents! NOW is the time to take advantage of this offering! It’s as easy as 1-2-3!

Your next steps to success start here!

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Apply for Tuition Assistance Eligibility

1. **CLICK ON PASSHE PDO Application**
   The screen should look like this.

2. **COMPLETE THE ECEPDO@PASSHE APPLICATION.**
   You are required to complete the first page of this online application, which determines your eligibility for tuition assistance.
   
   **You must be a PA resident and work an average of 25 hours/week in an early childcare program (before COVID).** You may find it helpful to complete this application with your center director or our Early Childhood Education (ECE) Liaisons. (See the next page for a listing of ECE Liaisons and their contacts. Any of them can help you; they are not school-specific.)

   **NEXT**, advance through the entire application and click on **SUBMIT** at the end.

3. **AN ECE LIASON WILL CONTACT YOU TO:**
   (a) Confirm your eligibility for tuition assistance
   (b) Guide you through the application at a PDO partner university, college, or program; and
   (c) Help you to register for classes.

   **Be sure to check your spam folder.**
   **It may contain an email from one of these ECE Liaisons.**

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     wjw85@lockhaven.edu

   Keep going ...
   you’re almost there!
STEP 02

Apply to a Partner School

WHAT A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO ADVANCE!

As an early childcare worker/student, you can access numerous partner institutions of higher education and programs to earn your Child Development Associate (CDA) credential, Associate’s degree, or Bachelor’s degree in Early Childhood Education AT NO OR LOW COST!

Before you apply to a school, be sure to speak with an ECE Liaison who can help you navigate any fees that may be waived.

WE SET YOU UP FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS!

Among the supports available to students is a free 24/7 tutoring service! Need help in reading, writing, math, and more? Tutor.com is available to you!

The barriers to your academic and career advancement have been removed! APPLY NOW!

If you typically work an average of 25 hours per week in a certified early childcare center, you can qualify for NO-OR-LOW-COST participation! (This is before COVID.)

Partner Schools & Programs

Note: This list may be updated. Check class availability each semester, as partner school and program course offerings may change. COVID has created many online learning opportunities that still offer you interaction with your instructor and fellow students.

TRANSFERRING CREDITS AMONG THESE PARTNER SCHOOLS & PROGRAMS IS A SNAP!

Shippensburg University
Lock Haven University
East Stroudsburg University
Edinboro University
Community College of Allegheny County
Carlow University
Clarion University
Delaware County Community College
Harrisburg Area Community College
Keystone College
Lehigh Carbon Community College
Luzerne County Community College
Northampton Community College
Northwest Institute of Research
PennAEYC
Reading Area Community College
Trying Together
Westmoreland County Community College
Register for Spring 2021 Courses

Class offerings at all schools/programs may change each semester. Check with ECE Liaisons or schools for details!

**CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) CERTIFICATION COURSES**

ECH 204 Child Development Brain Building Science
ECH 205 Positive Behavior Supports for Young Children
ECH 206 Becoming an Early Childhood Professional

BS Early Childhood program courses and General Education courses are also available to PDO-eligible students for the spring 2021 semester.
Contact: Dr. Pyles, iljpyles@ship.edu

**CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) CERTIFICATION COURSES**

Note: All classes can be counted toward a Bachelor’s degree in PreK-Grade 3/ECED. These are online classes that will be offered if there is sufficient enrollment.

ECED 105 Becoming a Teacher Leader
ECED 110 Child Development and Brain Science
ECED 205 Positive Behavior Supports for Young Children

**ALSO OFFERING:**

ECED 200 Observing and Assessing Young Children

Note: This course can be applied toward the LHU Certificate in Curriculum and Assessment for Early Care and Education
Contact: Dr. Elizabeth Manlove, emanlove@lockhaven.edu

**CDA, AA TRANSFER OPPORTUNITY TO EAST STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY**

CDA and Associate degree credits transfer into East Stroudsburg’s Bachelor’s PK-4 Certification program.
Contact: Dr. Nelson, fnelson5@po-box.esu.edu

**WINTER TERM ASSOCIATE DEGREE COURSES**

12/7 – 12/31, 2020
Child Development II (applies toward CDA)

**SPRING SEMESTER COURSES** 1/25-4/30, 2021

**CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) COURSES**

ECED 150 Child Development II
ECED 200 Plan, Design, Manage the ECE Environment
ECED 281 Observation, Documentation, and Assessment in ECE

**SPRING SEMESTER ASSOCIATE DEGREE COURSES**

ECED 240 Teaching Children’s Literature
ECED 241 Language and Literacy
ECED 242 Math and Science for Young Children
ECED 243 Creative Expressive Arts
ECED 245 Building Partnerships- Field(clinical) Experience
For more information, including courses for a Bachelor’s degree,
Contact: Robin Howell, rhowell@edinboro.edu

**ALSO OFFERING:**

ECED 240 Teaching Children’s Literature
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**CLARION UNIVERSITY**

**SPRING ECE COURSES** (1/25-5/7, 2021)
Courses below are each 3 credits and offered online.

ECE 141: Child Development and Learning
ECE 340: Effective Approaches to Child Guidance
ECE 343: Foundations of Building/Enriching ECLiteracy Skills
ECE 344: Integrated Curriculum for Early Learning
ECE 413: Leadership in Early Childhood Settings

Contact: Dr. Bonnett, lhumphrey@clarion.edu

**CARLOW UNIVERSITY**

ECE COURSES
Contact: Dr. Hirsh, rahirsh@carlow.edu

**CCAC**

ECE COURSES
Contact: Dr. Yeschenko, myeschenko@ccac.edu
ECE COURSES
Contact: Lynne Pabst, lpabst@luzerne.edu

CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) COURSES
EDUC 111 Fundamentals of Early Care and Education
EDUC 135 Health, Safety, and Nutrition in Early Care and Education
EDUC 185 Child Development and Behavior in Children

*There is a $150 fee to attend HACC’s CDA; this is not covered by the PDO.
Contact: Melissa Nagengast, manageng@hacc.edu
or Jennifer Wright, jswright@hacc.edu

ASSOCIATE’S DEGREE COURSES
(CDA online cohorts are also available.)

ECE 110 Fundamentals of ECE
ECE 120 Children’s Growth & Development
ECE 125 Education & Care of Infants & Toddlers
ECE 130 Integrating Arts/Play in Early Childhood
ECE 140 Observation & Recording Techniques
ECE 210 Integrating Curriculum in Early Childhood
ECE 215 Language and Literacy
ECE 220 Internship
ECE 225 Early Childhood Professional
ECE 230 The Director with Vision
ECI 230 Principles of Family-Centered Early Intervention

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CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE CERTIFICATE (CDA) COURSES
EARL 106 Early Child Development and Learning
EARL 217 The Child, Family & Community
EARL 244 Early Childhood Profession
New cohorts are offered in August, October, January, March, and June.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE COURSES
EARL 106 Early Child Development & Learning
EARL 107 Observe & Assess in Early Childhood
EARL 126 Arts in Early Childhood
EARL 128 Infant-Toddler Development and Learning
EARL 208 Math in Early Childhood
EARL 216 Language & Literacy Early Childhood
EARL 217 Child, Family and Community
EARL 218 Science in Early Childhood
EARL 244 Early Childhood Profession
EARL 263 G Internship-Early Childhood

Directorship courses are also available.
Contact: Cathe Kuker, ckuker@northampton.edu

CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) CERTIFICATION COURSES
SCHOOL-AGE PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIAL
Contact: Steve Carr, scarr@rrcnpa.org

CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) CERTIFICATION COURSES
Contact: Rose Snyder, rnsnyder@pennaeyc.org

CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE CDA CERTIFICATE COURSES
Contact: Rachelle Duffy, rachelle@tryingtogether.org
CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) CERTIFICATION COURSES

- ECE 156 Infant & Toddler Development
- ECE CDA 176 CDA Portfolio I
- ECE CDA 177 CDA Portfolio II
- ECE CDA 1787 CDA Portfolio III
- ECE 170 Child Safety Health & Nutrition
- ECE 256 Assessment & Observation of Young Children

Contact: Dr. Weekley, weekleyb@westmoreland.edu

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ONLINE LEARNING TIPS: How to Study From Home

- SET A SCHEDULE
  Schedule times to advance through course modules and participate in online discussions with your instructor and other students.

- SET UP STUDY, BREAK ZONES
  Set up a comfortable, well-lit area and designate it for study. Avoid working from the couch or bed.
  If possible, go to a different area to take breaks.

- ENGAGE!
  Participation helps to keep you engaged and increases both understanding and retention.
  Collaborate with other students and your instructor regularly.

- BE PATIENT WITH YOURSELF
  Early child care educators are typically "people-oriented," so you may find it challenging to learn online. YOU CAN DO IT!
  Remember, distance learning offers you flexibility in ways in-person instruction does not readily offer.

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