



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (723)

Certificate Program 1 Level 1 Credential

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

This program helps students meet Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Licensing Standards for Assistant Teacher. If a student acquires 480 hours of experience in a licensed child care center, they may apply to the Child Development Associate National Credentialing Program for Child Development Associate Credential. The CDA Credential allows holders to work in DCFS-licensed programs as a Teacher. CDA applicants receive advising from qualified HCC staff in the credentialing process during the Practicum.

NATURE OF WORK AND EMPLOYMENT

Level II Credential Certificate holders work in licensed child care programs, as assistant teachers. Family Child Care Providers are encouraged to use this program to upgrade their own training and preparation.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Certificate students must demonstrate good physical and emotional health and submit to a criminal background check before beginning any Practicum.

CDA applicants should notify the program coordinator (below) of their intentions early in their coursework.

PROGRAM CONTACTS

Call Highland at 815-235-6121 for the following program contacts:

- Mr. Scott Anderson, Dean of Business & Technology
- Ms. Melissa Johnson, Coordinator of Early Childhood Ed
- Ms. Vicki Schulz, Student Advisor

Required Child-Care Courses

* ECE	121	Intro to Early Childhood Education	3
* ECE	123	Hlth, Safety, & Nutrition of Yng Chld	3
ECE	126	Observation & Guidance of Young Child	3
* ECE	128	Practicum II	2
* ECE	203	Home, Scl, & Comm Relations in EC	3
*		Communications (BUSN 141, COMM 101, ENGL 121)	3

Total Hours = 17

* Course has a prerequisite. See course descriptions.