

In Florida, there is more than one way to meet the Staff Credential Requirement.

Child Development Associate National CDA Credential Council for Professional Recognition Website: www.cdacouncil.org	Florida Child Care Professional Credential-FCCPC (formerly the Florida CDA Equivalency) Website: www.myflorida.com/childcare/training	College Degree In-Field (Formal Education Exemption)	College Degree Out-of-Field (Formal Ed.Exemption)
High School Diploma	High School Diploma	No Other Requirements	Degree + 6 college credit hours in early childhood education
120 Clock Hours of Training Must include at least 10 hours in each of the 8 CDA Training Areas and total to 120 clock hours. You may use training from other institutions-Military Child Care, Training Offered by Child Care Services, 40 Hour Florida Child Care Training, etc.	120 Clock Hours of Training To complete one of the 2 Florida Child Care Professional Credential programs offered at NWF State College , you must take the courses below. There are no exceptions. Preschool Florida Child Care Professional Credential (College Credit Courses) ❖ DEP2100, CHD2432A, CHD1941 Infant/Toddler Florida Child Care Professional Credential (College Credit Courses) ❖ DEP2100, CHD1312, CHD1941		
480 Hours of Experience Working with Young Children Below School Age in a Group Experience	480 Hours of Experience Working with Young Children Below School Age in a Group Experience		480 Hours of Experience Working with Young Children Below School Age in a Group Experience
Classroom Observation with CDA Candidate serving as lead teacher. Observer must meet requirements to be CDA Advisor stated in CDA Book. Parent Questionnaires completed by parents of children enrolled in CDA Candidate's class.	Classroom Observation with FCCPC Candidate serving as lead teacher. Observer will be appointed by Director of Dept. of Early Childhood Ed at NWF State College		
CDA Resource File	FCCPC Portfolio		
Application for Final Assessment to Council with \$325 Fee	Director of Early Childhood ed. at NWF State College submits documents to Department of Children and Families Child Care Credentialing Unit.		
Final Assessment –Test and Interview			
Notification by Mail approximately 8 weeks after final assessment			
Attach copy of CDA certificate to Form 5211 & send to DCF in Tallahassee		Attach copy of Transcript to Form 5211 & send to DCF in Tallahassee	Attach copy of Transcripts to Form 5211 & send to DCF in Tallahassee

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