

Denver Preschool Program Child Development Associate (CDA™) Scholarship



The DPP Child Development Associate® (CDA) Virtual Training and Seminar Fall 2024 Cohort, facilitated by Mile High Early Learning

Introduction: The Denver Preschool Program has created the DPP CDA™ Scholarship to help aspiring lead teachers become Early Childhood Teacher (ECT) qualified. **Scholarship funds are limited and applying is not a guarantee of receiving a scholarship.**

Who is eligible?

All applicants **must be an assistant or co-teacher in a Denver County Denver Preschool Program-participating classroom who are not yet Early Childhood Teacher (ECT) qualified.**

Applicants must work in a classroom serving preschool-aged children (infant and toddler classroom teachers are not eligible).

Virtual Delivery:

Earn your CDA Training hours online in a structured course that breaks up content into weekly modules and includes portfolio prep and support. **Students will need access to a tablet, iPad or computer with internet access and ability to get on Zoom.**

Content:

120 hours of training in 8 modules including:

- *Introduction to Early Childhood Development and Education*
- *Physical and Cognitive Development*
- *Social and Emotional Development*
- *Observation and Assessment*
- *Child Health and Safety*
- *Working with Families*
- *Child Care Program Operations*
- *Professionalism in Early Childhood Education*

All modules are aligned with NAEYC's Standards for Early Childhood Preparation, Colorado's Competencies for Early Childhood Educators and Administrators, as well as the Council for Professional Recognition's Subject Areas and Competency Standards.

Seminar:

Includes additional hours of coaching support; assisting CDA™ Candidates with portfolio preparation, exam review, and understanding of the verification visit process.

Dates/Times:

Tuesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. via zoom, beginning **Tuesday, September 24, 2024 through Tuesday, February 11, 2025.** (There will be no class on Tuesdays November 26, December 24 and December 31.) **Weekly class sessions are mandatory including REQUIRED orientation on September 24 – while orientation is required, a maximum of three absences are allowed on the other dates, and make-up work is required for any absence.**

Location:

Class will take place virtually via Zoom.

Cost:

Free for DPP assistant teachers selected to receive a scholarship. DPP will fund all course materials and pay for the CDA™ application fee after successfully completing the training (for teachers who plan to remain teaching in a DPP classroom for at least six months after completion of the course).

How to apply:

To apply for a DPP CDA™ scholarship, please complete the attached application and email it to Chris@dpp.org or fax it to 303-496-1114 by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 18, 2024

The CDA™ Training (w/earned credential) is accepted as Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) credit for ECE 101 at Community College of Denver!

The Scholarship Application is Included on the Following Pages
Denver Preschool Program Child Development Associate (CDA™) Scholarship Application **(All information is required – please complete the full application)**

Due Date: 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Submit by: Email to chris@dpp.org or fax to 303-496-1114. Please call or text DPP's Vice President of Programs, Chris Miller, at 303-819-6805 after sending to confirm we have received it.

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Applicant Information – All fields required

Name		
Address		
City, Zip		
County		
Phone Number	Home:	Work:
	Cell:	
Email		

Today's Date: _____

Name of Preschool Where You Work: _____

Child Care License Number of Your Preschool: _____

Employment Status

What is your current job title?	<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Administrator	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Based Professional <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Teaching Professional Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Teaching Support Staff
What preschool age groups do you teach? <i>(please check all that apply)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Infants (0-12 Months) <input type="checkbox"/> Toddler (13-36 Months)	<input type="checkbox"/> Younger Preschoolers (2.5 – 3 year olds) <input type="checkbox"/> Older Preschoolers (4 – 5 year olds) <input type="checkbox"/> School Age

How many children are in your classroom or child care home? _____

How many hours per week do you work? _____

How many months per year do you work? _____

Beginning date of employment at current facility? _____

How long have you worked in the field of early childhood?	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 2 Years <input type="checkbox"/> 2-5 Years	<input type="checkbox"/> 6-10 Years <input type="checkbox"/> 10+ Years
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Ethnicity

Are you of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Puerto Rican |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Cuban |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Hispanic, Latino or Spanish |

Do you consider yourself....?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> White | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Asian: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African-American | <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Pacific Islanders: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Korean | <input type="checkbox"/> Other race: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian | <input type="checkbox"/> Guamanian or Chamorro | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese | <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Samoan | |

Please check the box that best describes your educational history:

- No high school diploma
- High school diploma/GED
- 1-year certificate
- Associate Degree (Major: _____)
- Bachelor's Degree (Major: _____)
- Master's Degree (Major: _____)
- Doctorate

What is your current Colorado Early Childhood Professional Credential Level?

- No credential
- Level 1
- Level 2

Professionals with a Colorado Early Childhood Professional Credential Level 3 or higher are not eligible to apply as they are already Early Childhood Teacher (ECT) qualified.

Please check one that best describes your long-term career goals:

- Become qualified as an Early Childhood Teacher
- Become qualified as a Center Director
- Other _____

Lead Director Verification (to be completed by the preschool's lead director – all info required)

By signing below, I, _____ (lead director's printed name),

verify that _____ (applicant's printed name) currently works as an assistant or co-teacher in a classroom with preschool-aged children at

_____ (name of preschool)

(Lead Director's Signature)

Date of Signature

Your Early Childhood Education and Career Goals

Please write or type a brief, 2-4 paragraph, description of how the DPP Child Development Associate (CDA™) Scholarship will support your education, as well as your overall early childhood education career goals. This can be written below if you do not have access to a computer, or, preferably, typed and submitted as an attachment to your application.
