

Assignment 3a

Eight Subject Areas Required Training Categories for CDA Credential



Candidates must have completed, within the past five (5) years, 120 clock hours of formal child care education, with no fewer than 10 clock hours in each of the following eight (8) subject areas. This requirement may be met through participation in the wide variety of training available in the field, including in-service training and specific courses designed to lead to the CDA credential. The best way to ensure that you have training in all eight categories and have to competencies to be successful in the CDA assessment process is to enroll in a CDA class.

| Subject Areas | Examples |
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| 1. Planning a safe, health learning environment | <i>Safety, first aid, health, nutrition, space planning, materials and equipment play.</i> |
| 2. Steps to advance children's physical and intellectual development | <i>Large and small muscle, language, discovery, art, music</i> |
| 3. Positive ways to support children's social and emotional development | <i>Self-esteem, independence, self control, socialization</i> |
| 4. Strategies to establish productive relationships with families | <i>Parent involvement, home visits, conferences, referrals</i> |
| 5. Strategies to manage an effective program operation | <i>Planning, record keeping, reporting</i> |
| 6. Maintaining a commitment to professionalism | <i>Advocacy, ethical practices, work force issues, professional associations</i> |
| 7. Observing and recording children's behavior | <i>Tools and strategies for objective information</i> |
| 8. Principles of child growth and development | <i>Developmental milestones from birth through age 5, cultural influences on development</i> |

All the formal education hours must be under the auspices of an agency or organization with expertise in early childhood teacher preparation. The education may be for college credit or not for college credit.