



Partners for Professional Development

**APPLY TODAY FOR  
NO-OR-LOW-COST PARTICIPATION,  
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT, AND TO  
REGISTER FOR CLASSES AT  
PARTNER SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS!**

## 3 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

## 3 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

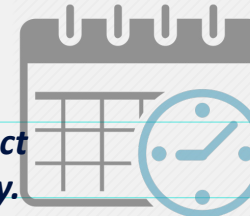
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**Advance your education and career goals today!**

**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!***

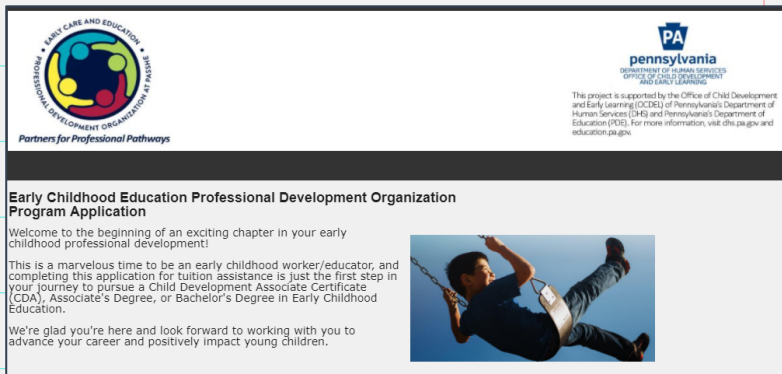
***Your next steps to success start here!***

# STEP 01

## Apply for Tuition Assistance Eligibility

### 1. CLICK ON [PASSHE PDO Application](#)

The screen should look like this.



### 2. COMPLETE THE ECPDO@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 LIAISON 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.**

### ANY OF THESE ECE LIAISONS CAN HELP YOU!

**Amber Barkman**

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**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 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 206** Becoming an Early Childhood Professional  
**ECH 204** Child Development Brain Building Science

## BACHELOR'S DEGREE COURSES (EARLY CHILDHOOD)

**ECH 206** Becoming an Early Childhood Professional  
**ECH 204** Child Development Brain Building Science

Contact: Dr. Pyles, [jpyles@ship.edu](mailto:jpyles@ship.edu)



## CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) CERTIFICATION COURSES

Note: All classes can be counted toward a Bachelor's degree in PreK-Grade 4/ECED.

**ECED 105** Becoming a Teacher Leader

**ECED 110** Child Development and Brain Science

**ECED 205** Positive Behavior Supports for Young Children

## SUB-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE IN CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT FOR EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION

Note: Classes count toward a Bachelor's degree in PreK-Grade 4/ECED.

**ECED 200** Observing and Assessing Young Children

**ECED 220** Emerging Mathematics and Science

**ECED 225** Beginning Literacy

Contact: Dr. Manlove, [emanlove@lockhaven.edu](mailto:emanlove@lockhaven.edu)



## CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) CERTIFICATION COURSES

**CBCECED 283:** Observation, Evaluation, and Assessment in ECE

Note: ECE Associate's and Bachelor's courses are also available.

Contact: Robin Howell, [rhowell@edinboro.edu](mailto:rhowell@edinboro.edu)



## CDA, AA TRANSFER OPPORTUNITY TO EAST STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY

CDA and Associate degree credits transfer into ESU's Bachelor's PK-4 Certification program and the online non-certification Bachelor's degree program.

Contact: Dr. Nelson, [lnelson5@esu.edu](mailto:lnelson5@esu.edu) or Dr. Sachdev, [asachdev@esu.edu](mailto:asachdev@esu.edu)



## CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) CERTIFICATION COURSES

ECE Bachelor's degree courses are available.

**EC 200** Child Development (Birth-Age 5)

**EC 205** Advanced Child Development Studies

**EC 207** Play as Learning

**EC 311** Infant-Toddler Program and Practicum

Contact: Dr. Hirsh, [rahirsh@carlow.edu](mailto:rahirsh@carlow.edu)



## ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE COURSES

**ECH 234** Observation & Assessment in Early Childhood Settings

**ECH 421** Child Care Management

**ECH 342** Early Childhood Curriculum

**ECH 413** Leadership in Early Childhood Settings

Contact: Dr. Bonnett, [lhumphrey@clarion.edu](mailto:lhumphrey@clarion.edu)



## CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE AND INFANT MENTAL HEALTH CERTIFICATES

## ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE COURSES

Contact: Dr. Yeschenko, [myeschenko@ccac.edu](mailto:myeschenko@ccac.edu)



## CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE CERTIFICATE ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE COURSES

Contact: Dr. Allison, [jallison@dccc.edu](mailto:jallison@dccc.edu)



## CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE CERTIFICATE ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE COURSES

Contact: Melissa Nagengast, [manageng@hacc.edu](mailto:manageng@hacc.edu)  
or Jennifer Wright, [jswright@hacc.edu](mailto:jswright@hacc.edu)

## STEP 03



### CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) CERTIFICATION COURSES

**ECE 1110** Introduction to Early Childhood Education

**ECE 2115** Curriculum and Program Planning (Ages 3-8 years)

**EDUC 2130** Child, Family and Community

**PSYC 2190** Child Development

Contact: Dr. Langan, [fran.langan@keystone.edu](mailto:fran.langan@keystone.edu)



### CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) CERTIFICATION COURSES (PRESCHOOL)

**ECE 110** Fundamentals of Early Childhood Education

**ECE 120** Children's Growth and Development

**ECE 140** Observations and Recording Techniques

Note: Preschool CDA instructional materials are available in Spanish

#### CDA COURSES (INFANT-TODDLER)

**ECE 125** Education and Care of Infants and Toddlers

**ECE 140** Observation and Recording Techniques

**ECE 240** Strategies for Teaching Infants and Toddlers

Contact: Dr. Breech, [tbreech@lccc.edu](mailto:tbreech@lccc.edu)



### ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD

Contact: Lynne Pabst, [lpabst@luzerne.edu](mailto:lpabst@luzerne.edu)



### CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) CERTIFICATION COURSES

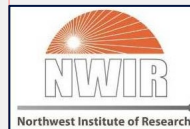
**EARL 106** Early Child Development and Learning

**EARL 217** The Child, Family & Community

**EARL 244** Early Childhood Profession

New cohorts are offered in August, October, January, March, and June.

Contact: Dr. Lincoln, [clincoln@northampton.edu](mailto:clincoln@northampton.edu)



### CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) CERTIFICATION COURSES

#### SCHOOL-AGE PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIAL

Contact: Steve Carr, [scarr@rrcnpa.org](mailto:scarr@rrcnpa.org)



### CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) CERTIFICATION COURSES

Contact: Rose Snyder, [rsnyder@pennaeyc.org](mailto:rsnyder@pennaeyc.org)



### CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) PREP CERTIFICATE

**ORI 103** College Success Strategies

**ECE 115** Integrated Arts in the Early Childhood Curriculum

**ECE 105** The Early Childhood Professional

Contact: Dr. Eckert, [reckert@racc.edu](mailto:reckert@racc.edu)



### CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE CERTIFICATE PREPARATORY PROGRAMMING

CDA credits earned will transfer to an Associate's or Bachelor's program.

Contact: Rachelle Duffy, [rachelle@tryingtogether.org](mailto:rachelle@tryingtogether.org)



### CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) CERTIFICATION COURSES

**ECE 170** Child Safety Health & Nutrition

**ECE 156** Infant & Toddler Development or

**ECE 157** Child Growth & Development

**ECE 256** Assessment & Observation

Contact: Dr. Weekley, [weekleyb@westmoreland.edu](mailto:weekleyb@westmoreland.edu)

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