



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**

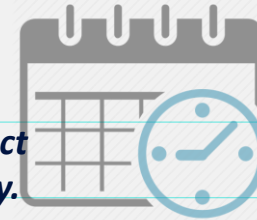
1. Child Development Associate Certificate (CDA)
2. Associate's Degree, Early Childhood Education
3. Bachelor's Degree, Early Childhood Education

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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!**

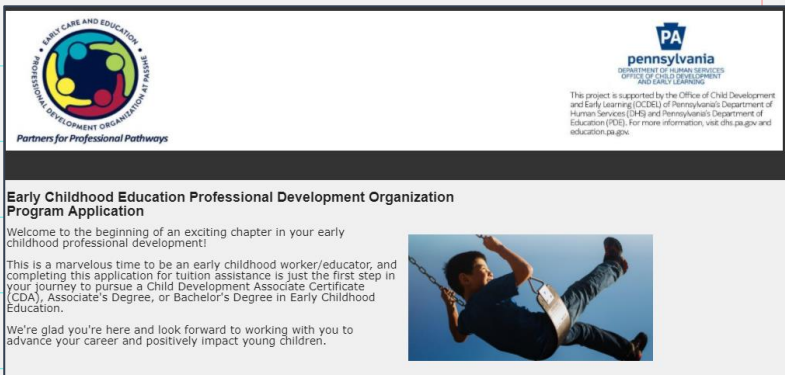


# STEP 01

## Apply for Tuition Assistance Eligibility

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

The screen should look like this.



### 2. COMPLETE THE [ECEPDO@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!

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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 Spring 2021 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 204** Child Development Brain Building Science
- ECH 205** Positive Behavior Supports for Young Children
- ECH 206** Becoming an Early Childhood Professional

*BS Early Childhood program courses and General Education courses are also available to PDO-eligible students for the spring 2021 semester.  
Contact: Dr. Pyles, [jlpyles@ship.edu](mailto:jlpyles@ship.edu)*



## CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) CERTIFICATION COURSES

*Note: All classes can be counted toward a Bachelor's degree in PreK-Grade 3/ECED. These are online classes that will be offered if there is sufficient enrollment.*

- ECED 105** Becoming a Teacher Leader
- ECED 110** Child Development and Brain Science
- ECED 205** Positive Behavior Supports for Young Children

### ALSO OFFERING:

- ECED 200** Observing and Assessing Young Children

*Note: This course can be applied toward the LHU Certificate in Curriculum and Assessment for Early Care and Education  
Contact: Dr. Elizabeth Manlove, [emanlove@lockhaven.edu](mailto:emanlove@lockhaven.edu)*



## CDA, AA TRANSFER OPPORTUNITY TO EAST STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY

CDA and Associate degree credits transfer into East Stroudsburg's Bachelor's PK-4 Certification program.  
Contact: Dr. Nelson, [lnelson5@po-box.esu.edu](mailto:lnelson5@po-box.esu.edu)



## WINTER TERM ASSOCIATE DEGREE COURSES (12/7 – 12/31, 2020)

- Child Development II (applies toward CDA)**
- SPRING SEMESTER COURSES (1/25-4/30, 2021)**

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) COURSES

- ECED 150** Child Development II
- ECED 200** Plan, Design, Manage the ECE Environment
- ECED 281** Observation, Documentation, and Assessment in ECE

## SPRING SEMESTER ASSOCIATE DEGREE COURSES

- ECED 240** Teaching Children's Literature
- ECED 241** Language and Literacy
- ECED 242** Math and Science for Young Children
- ECED 243** Creative Expressive Arts
- ECED 245** Building Partnerships- Field(clinical) Experience

*For more information, including courses for a Bachelor's degree,  
Contact: Robin Howell, [rhowell@edinboro.edu](mailto:rhowell@edinboro.edu)*



## SPRING ECE COURSES (1/25-5/7, 2021)

*Courses below are each 3 credits and offered online.*

- ECH 141:** Child Development and Learning
- ECH 340:** Effective Approaches to Child Guidance
- ECH 343:** Foundations of Building/Enriching ECLiteracy Skills
- ECH 344:** Integrated Curriculum for Early
- ECH 413:** Leadership in Early Childhood Settings

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



## ECE COURSES

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



## ECE COURSES

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

Community College of Allegheny County

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**ECE COURSES**

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



**CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) COURSES**

**EDUC 111** Fundamentals of Early Care and Education

**EDUC 135** Health, Safety, and Nutrition in Early Care and Education

**EDUC 185** Child Development and Behavior in Children

*\*There is a \$150 fee to attend HACC's CDA; this is not covered by the PDO.*

Contact: Melissa Nagengast, [manageng@hacc.edu](mailto:manageng@hacc.edu)

or Jennifer Wright, [jswright@hacc.edu](mailto:jswright@hacc.edu)



**ECE COURSES**

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



**ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE COURSES**

*(CDA online cohorts are also available.)*

**ECE 110** Fundamentals of ECE

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

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

**ECE 130** Integrating Arts/Play in Early Childhood

**ECE 140** Observation & Recording Techniques

**ECE 210** Integrating Curriculum in Early Childhood

**ECE 215** Language and Literacy

**ECE 220** Internship

**ECE 225** Early Childhood Professional

**ECE 230** The Director with Vision

**ECI 230** Principles of Family-Centered Early Intervention

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



**ECE COURSES**

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



**CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE  
CERTIFICATE (CDA) 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.*

**ASSOCIATE DEGREE COURSES**

**EARL 106** Early Childhood Development & Learning

**EARL 107** Observe & Assess in Early Childhood

**EARL 126** Arts in Early Childhood

**EARL 128** Infant-Toddler Development and Learning

**EARL 208** Math in Early Childhood

**EARL 216** Language & Literacy Early Childhood

**EARL 217** Child, Family and Community

**EARL 218** Science in Early Childhood

**EARL244** Early Childhood Profession

**EARL263 G** Internship-Early Childhood

*Directorship courses are also available.*

Contact: Cathe Kuker [ckuker@northampton.edu](mailto:ckuker@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)  
CERTIFICATE COURSES**

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



**CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE CDA  
CERTIFICATE COURSES**

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



## CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) CERTIFICATION COURSES

ECE 156 Infant & Toddler Development

ECE CDA 176 CDA Portfolio I

ECE CDA 177 CDA Portfolio II

ECE CDA 1787 CDA Portfolio III

ECE 170 Child Safety Health & Nutrition

ECE 256 Assessment & Observation of Young Children

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

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# STEP 03



### GETTING STARTED

Review the syllabus and be sure to have your text, note pads, and other study tools.

Know how and when to reach your instructor, where to submit your work, and how to access resources.



### ONLINE LEARNING TIPS: *How to Study From Home*

#### SET A SCHEDULE

Schedule times to advance through course modules and participate in online discussions with your instructor and other students.

Know when assignments are due and mark your calendar!

#### SET UP STUDY, BREAK ZONES



Set up a comfortable, well-lit area and designate it for study. Avoid working from the couch or bed.

If possible, go to a different area to take breaks.

#### ASK QUESTIONS READILY

Ask questions as soon as you have them. Do not wait to get clarification.

Send your instructor an email or post a message through the online learning platform being used.



#### ENGAGE!

Participation helps to keep you engaged and increases both understanding and retention.

Collaborate with other students and your instructor regularly.



#### BE PATIENT WITH YOURSELF

Early child care educators are typically "people-oriented," so you may find it challenging to learn online.  
**YOU CAN DO IT!**

Remember, distance learning offers you flexibility in ways in-person instruction does not readily offer.

