

Certificate of Proficiency: Early Childhood Development - 0018

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILD DEVELOPMENT Twelve (12) hours required**

- \_\_\_\_\_ ECD103 Foundations and Theories of Early Childhood Education (F)
- \_\_\_\_\_ ECD113 Basic Child Growth and Development (F)
- \_\_\_\_\_ ECD123 Environments for Young Children (S)
- \_\_\_\_\_ ECD133 Practicum (S)

**FAQ**

**Child Development Associate (CDA) Certificate of Proficiency**

**Q: What is the Early Childhood Development Certificate of Proficiency?**

A: U of A Rich Mountain is approved by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education for a twelve-credit hour Certificate of Proficiency program to meet the professional education requirements for the CDA.

**Q What is a Child Development Associate:**

A: The Arkansas Early Childhood Professional Development System defines the Child Development Associate (CDA) *as an individual who has successfully completed 120 clock hours of professional education in eight CDA subject areas, completed 480 hours of professional experience, compiled a professional portfolio, and been observed by a CDA Professional Development Specialist. The last step is to take the CDA exam. The CDA individual demonstrates competence in meeting the specific needs of children and works with parents and other adults to nurture children's physical, social, emotional, and intellectual growth in a child development framework.*

**Q: How do I obtain CDA licensure?**

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**Q: How many hours are required in the Early Childhood Development Degree?**

A: This is a 12-hour program and consists of the following four classes:

<b>Semester</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
<b>Fall</b>	
ECD 103 Foundations and Theories of Early Childhood Education	3
ECD 113 Basic Child Growth and Development	3
<b>Spring</b>	
ECD 123 Environments for Young Children	3
ECD 133 Practicum	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>12</b>

**Q: Will I be able to get financial assistance?**

A: Financial assistance may be available to students through grant and scholarship programs. Contact the Financial Aid Office for additional information.

**Q: Where can I get more information about this degree?**

A: The U of A Rich Mountain catalog has more details about this degree.

**Q: What do I need to do to enroll in classes at the U of A Rich Mountain?**

A: You may call Charlotte Wiles at 479-394-7622 ext. 1450