

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)

TAPP Registry: In order to be included in the TAPP Registry, students must complete Child Care Orientation, which is offered free of charge on the RMCC campus during the fall and spring semesters.

- _____ CSC046 Child Care Orientation (F)

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 nine-semester hour Certificate of Proficiency program to meet the requirements for the CDA.

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 many hours are required in the Early Childhood Development Degree?

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

Semester		Credit Hours
<u>Fall</u>		
ECD 103	Foundations and Theories of Early Childhood Education	3
ECD 113	Basic Child Growth and Development	3
CSC 046	Child Care Orientation	0
<u>Spring</u>		
ECD 123	Environments for Young Children	3
ECD 133	Practicum	3
Total Credit Hours		12

Q: Will I be able to get financial assistance?

A: Federal financial assistance may be available to students who qualify and who choose an Associate degree as a major while taking the courses listed above as electives. 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 or the Director of Admissions at ext. 1440 information and assistance with the enrollment process.

Q: What if I start to get behind in my classes?

A: Student Support Services, a federally funded TRIO program, is located in the Johnson Learning Commons and offers a wide variety of free services to students.