

Camp Fire Child Development Associates Credential



Two CDA Classes Forming:

1) February 12, 2009 (Spring)

2) September 15, 2009-2010 (Fall)

The Child Development Associate (CDA) Credentialing Program is dedicated to improving the professional status of competent early childhood educators and the growing need for quality child care.

A Child Development Associate Credential can be earned by an individual who has successfully completed the required 120 clock hours of coursework, and has successfully completed the CDA assessment.

You can earn a credential with an endorsement focusing on infants and toddlers, preschoolers, or family child care through Camp Fire's Creative Training Solutions CDA Project. We help CDA candidates by providing the required 120 clock hours of early childhood training and by providing up to three on-site observation visits at participants request.

Each class meets for approximately 40 weeks. At the end of your coursework, you will earn a certificate of completion for all of the classes that you attended, which is necessary for your CDA assessment through the Council for Professional Recognition.

Schedule

Spring classes are held on Thursdays and Fall classes are held on Tuesdays. Classes meet in the evenings from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm for 40 sessions, excluding holidays.

Location

Classes will be held at the Camp Fire USA Resource Center, 2700 Meacham Blvd, Fort Worth, TX 76137.

Enrollment Information

Applications are now being accepted. **Download forms from our website.** Please call JoAnn Cottrell, x148 at 817/831-2111 if you have questions or would like an application packet. **Space is limited.** Early registration is encouraged.

All successful applicants will receive notification of acceptance by mail.

The CDA Credential is issued by the Council for Professional Recognition. For additional information about the CDA Credential, call the Council (800) 424-4310 or visit their website at www.cdacouncil.org. *The additional assessment fee of \$325, required by the Council, is not included in the \$550 course fee.*

Additional Requirements

In addition to completing the coursework of 120 hours, each Candidate also will need to complete a resource file, work 480 hours in a work setting that reflects his or her endorsement (infant/toddler, preschool, family child care) and complete the assessment process. The Candidates will be responsible to find their own CDA advisors to complete their final observations.

Cost of the Course

The fee for this course is \$550, which includes application packets, classroom supplies, up to three on-site observation visits at participants' request, The Essentials Book, and clock hours for training.

A discount of over \$500 has been applied to the class tuition by the United Way of Tarrant County and Camp Fire USA, additional discounts are not available. Payments may be made by credit card, personal check or money order. Please do not send cash in the mail. Installment payments will be accepted.

- \$550 - Total Cost (membership discount does not apply)
- \$250 - First installment, due with application*
- \$33.33 - due the first of each month

Refunds/Cancellation

*Refunds will be issued, less a \$25 processing fee, with written notification received before the third class session.

The initial payment fee of \$250 is non-refundable after the third session of the course.