



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

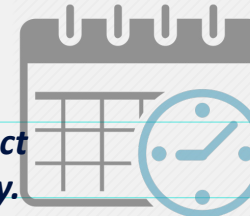
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Advance your education and career goals today!

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!***

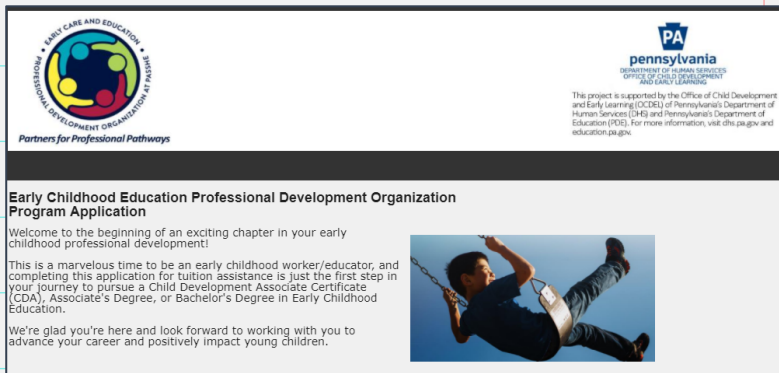
Your next steps to success start here!

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!

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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



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



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



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 or Dr. Sachdev, 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



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



CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE AND INFANT MENTAL HEALTH CERTIFICATES ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE COURSES

Contact: Dr. Yeschenko, myeschenko@ccac.edu



CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE CERTIFICATE ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE COURSES

Contact: Dr. Allison, jallison@dccc.edu



CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE CERTIFICATE ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE COURSES

Contact: Melissa Nagengast, manageng@hacc.edu or Jennifer Wright, 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



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



ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD

Contact: Lynne Pabst, lpabst@luzerne.edu



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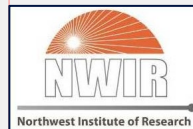
EARL 106 Early Child Development and Learning

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



CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) CERTIFICATION COURSES

SCHOOL-AGE PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIAL

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CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) CERTIFICATION COURSES

Contact: Rose Snyder, 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



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



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

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