

Tips for Completing your CDA Home Visitor with ChildCareEd

We are so excited you have made the decision to further your education and are honored you have chosen ChildCareEd as your training partner. We are here to support you in obtaining your CDA Credential and look forward to working with you.

In order to support you in this process ChildCareEd recommends that you allot 15 hours per week to complete your training. For example:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 hours	1 hour	1 hour	1 hour	1 hour	1 hour	5 hours

This will allow you to complete your training and obtain your CDA Credential in record time!

15 hours per week x 8 weeks= 120 hours

15 hours per week x 2 weeks= 30 hours

As you know, you are required to complete a **Professional Portfolio** prior to applying for your CDA Credential. If you do not already have your **CDA Competency Standards Book** from the CDA Council please do that now. You will need to have this when completing your Portfolio.

We recommend that you work on collecting evidence and materials required for your Portfolio as you are completing your training. Along with your training, you will notice that you have access to a variety of valuable resources.

To access these resources click on the **View Course Handouts** button when viewing the trainings in your account.

The screenshot shows the ChildCareEd user interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the ChildCareEd logo and links for MORE, About, CDA, Contact Us, Social, Accreditations, and Free Resources. A search bar and user profile for Heather are also visible. A yellow notification banner prompts the user to complete their profile. Below this are navigation buttons for My Trainings, Messages Us, My profile, and Cart. The main content area displays course listings under 'Completed (9)'. Three courses are shown: '2- Creating the Natural Outdoor Classroom', 'CDA Infant/Toddler Credential', and '45 Hours Director-Administration'. Each course listing includes a 'Purchased' status, a date and time, and options to 'Continue From Where I left off' or 'Restart from the beginning'. A blue 'View Course Handouts' button is highlighted with a red circle for each course. A fourth course, 'Prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome and Abusive Head Trauma', is partially visible below.



As you begin your training please feel free to use the **Message Us** button within your course to ask questions or share feedback with a course instructor.

Benefits of nature

To support the development of the whole child, early childhood educators understand that children learn everywhere and all the time. Instead of developmentally inappropriate early academics, children need a variety of learning experiences and opportunities to grow in areas such as science, mathematics, executive function, gross and fine motor development, social-emotional development, language development, and creative expression.

Research has shown that outdoor learning can have a significant impact on children's mental health and academic performance. Children are often calmer and better able to focus when learning in nature, and teachers have reported more positive behavior and social interactions. In addition, when children spend time outdoors they are able to recognize the importance of a connection to the natural world and develop a desire to value and care for the natural environment as they get older and throughout their lives.



A screenshot of the footer of a presentation slide. It features a dark green background with white text and icons. On the left, there are two buttons: 'Open Table of Contents' and 'Message Us', with the latter circled in red. In the center, there are navigation icons for 'Replay', 'First', 'Prev', 'Next', and 'Stop'. On the right, there is a 'Select Language' dropdown menu and a 'Slide# 5 / 81' indicator. Below the navigation icons, it says 'Powered by Translate'.

Of course you can always give us a call at [\(833\)283-2241](tel:8332832241) (2TEACH1) or send us an email if you have any questions.

You will also notice the Select Language option at the bottom of the training page where you are able to have all text translated into another language.

From ChildCareEd to you, Congratulations and You Got This!!!!

