

LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CURRICULUM GUIDE

Training for CDA
Certificate of Completion

Curriculum Code: 0921 (Effective Fall 2016 – Summer 2021)

The courses required for this certificate provide the training required to apply for the CDA (Child Development Associate) Credential, a national credential earned by individuals working with children age five and younger in a group child care setting. This curriculum is aligned with the standards issued by the Council for Professional Recognition. There are additional requirements the applicant must complete when applying to the National Council for Professional Development including: 480 hours of experience working with young children within the previous three years, a portfolio, a CDA exam and an Observation by a CDA Professional Development Specialist among other documentation. Please see the website for more information www.cdacouncil.org/the-cda-credential. LCC does not award or recommend the applicant for the CDA. It is a separate process that the candidate must complete on his/her own.

PREREQUISITES

Students should see [Course Descriptions](#) for course prerequisite information. See [Academic Assessment and Placement Testing for Student Success](#) for skills assessment and advising information.

INFORMATION

Contact the Child Development Program, Health and Human Services Building, Room 108, telephone number (517) 483-1410 (Website: www.lcc.edu/hhs/programs/child/) or Academic Advising Department, Gannon Building – StarZone, telephone number (517) 483-1904.

REQUIREMENTS (See Note 1)

TOTAL: 11 CREDITS

CODE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
CHDV 100	Foundations Early Childhood Ed	3
CHDV 101	Child Growth/Develop: 0-10 Yrs	4
CHDV 111	Child Guidance/Communication (See Note 2)	4

LIMITED CHOICE REQUIREMENTS

TOTAL: 5 – 6 CREDITS

Complete the credits from **EACH CHOICE** listed below.

CHOICE 1: Credential Options (Choose one Subchoice – See Note 3)

5 – 6 Credits

Subchoice 1A: Preschool Option for Certificate and Degree Students

CHDV 220	Early Child Curr/Learn Environ (See Note 2)	4
	AND 1 credit from Subchoice 1B	1

Subchoice 1B: Preschool Alternate Option

CHDV 122	Creativity and Play	1
CHDV 123	Literacy and Play	1
CHDV 124	Young Investigators: Math/Sci	1
	AND 2 credits from the following:	
CHDV 113	Health/Safety:Early Child Prog	2
CHDV 184	Children and Stress	1
CHDV 186	Child Self-Esteem/Positive Dis	1
CHDV 189	Help Children Value Diversity	1
CHDV 196	Child Develop Special Topic	1-2

Subchoice 1C: Infant/Toddler Option for Certificate and Degree Students

CHDV 215 Infant Toddler Program Dev (See Note 2) 6

Subchoice 1D: Infant/Toddler Alternate Option

CHDV 126 Discovery Learning: Inf/Tod Gps 1

AND 4 credits from the following:

CHDV 113 Health/Safety:Early Child Prog 2

CHDV 123 Literacy and Play 1

CHDV 127 Understand Inf/Tod Behavior 1

CHDV 128 Partnerships in Inf/Tod Care 1

MINIMUM TOTAL 16

NOTES:

1. All CHDV courses must be completed with a minimum 2.5 grade or better to receive this certificate.
2. Criminal background checks and DHS Child Abuse/Neglect registration clearance are required for students in CHDV field placement classes to meet State of Michigan child care program regulations.
3. Students seeking a Preschool CDA Credential should complete either Subchoice 1A or 1B. Students seeking an Infant-Toddler CDA Credential should complete either Subchoice 1C or 1D. Students planning to complete a Child Development and Early Education Certificate of Achievement and/or Associate Degree should choose either Subchoice 1A or 1C.
4. Individuals applying for the CDA credential must have 480 hours of experience working with children aged 5 and below in a child care setting.
5. CDA credential assessment is conducted by the Council for Professional Recognition, Washington, D.C., and requires a fee and additional assessment procedures beyond this certificate (www.cdacouncil.org/).

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

Students should see course descriptions to find out when departments plan to offer courses. Students who for any reason are unable to follow the course sequence suggested below (for example, those who are part-time, have transferred in courses from another school, or have prerequisites to fulfill) should contact an academic advisor for help with adjustments.

I	II
CHDV 100	Subchoice
CHDV 101	Subchoice
CHDV 111	Subchoice
	Subchoice