

The 4 Types of CDA Credential



Preschool (Center-Based)

The Preschool center-based setting is a state-approved child development center where a candidate can be observed working with at least 8 children, all of whom are ages 3 to 5 years. The program must have at least 10 children enrolled, not necessarily in the candidate's group, and at least two early educators working with the children on a regular basis.

Infant/Toddler (Center-Based)

The Infant-Toddler center-based setting is a state-approved child development center where a candidate can be observed working with a group of at least 3 children ages birth through 36 months, with at least one of the sub-groups. The program must have at least 10 children enrolled, not necessarily in the candidate's group, and at least two early educators working with the children on a regular basis.

Family Child Care (Home-Based)

A Family Child Care setting is a family child care home where a candidate can be observed working with at least two children 5 years old or younger who are not related to the candidate by blood or marriage. The setting must meet at least the minimum level of applicable state and/or local regulations. Family Child Care settings are also eligible in localities where there is no regulation of family child care. (Note: In states where there are licensed 'group homes,' these meet the CDA requirements for a family child care setting. However, in group homes where 10 or more children are enrolled and at least 2 caregivers work with the children on a regular basis, candidates may apply for the center-based credential.)

Home Visitor

The Home Visitor setting is an established program of home visits to families with children 5 years old or younger. It supports parents in meeting the needs of their young children, where candidates can be observed conducting home visits. In this setting, regular home visits are the primary methods of program delivery.

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