

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CDA TRAINING MEMO

SPECIAL INFORMATION FOR NEW EC107 STUDENTS

You are registering for the first of two courses in early childhood education that have a dual purpose.

1. To give you an overview of best practices in early childhood education
2. To give you the required CDA training of 120 training hours in specific early education content areas, as well as to develop a professional resource file/portfolio. If you are successful you will be ready to apply for your CDA, have a Verification Visit from a CDA Professional Development Specialist, and be recommended for your CDA credential.

Some students will decide to forego a CDA credential and will go on for an Associate of Arts degree; others will earn one of the following CDA endorsements: preschool, family day care, home visitor or infant-toddler. (For details, see EC107 Syllabus)

HEADS UP TIPS!

You will need to order books and CDA packets before you start EC107. These same books will be used in both EC107 and EC108. **IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU EMAIL YOUR INSTRUCTOR, LORI RILEY, TO DISCUSS WHAT CDA PACKET YOU SHOULD ORDER BEFORE YOU ATTEMPT TO ORDER BOOKS.** We need to ensure that you order packets/books that will best meet your long term goals in early childhood education.

If you are not currently working with children, you will need to identify a program where you can volunteer to obtain the 480 clock hours of experience. If you have questions about this, please direct them to your instructor. However, if you are already working in a center or family child care home, that will fulfill this requirement. You will just need your Director (or yourself if you operate your own program) to sign your application agreeing to support you in your education.

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