

# COUNTY COLLEGE OF MORRIS

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA)

Education Certificate of  
Achievement



### WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

The Child Development Associate (CDA) Education Certificate of Achievement at CCM is a three-course series approved by the Council for Professional Recognition. It is ideal for those currently employed or seeking workforce entry as a childcare professional. In addition to being offered on-campus, CDA courses are offered fully online through CCM's Virtual Campus. The CDA Educational Endorsement Certificate can be submitted to the Council for Professional Recognition as part of the CDA application process.

Grounded in research and evidence-based practice, the curriculum blends academic and professional preparation. The content is aligned with the national competency standards for the CDA credential and prepares the students in the following goals:

- To establish and maintain a safe and healthy learning environment
- To advance physical and intellectual competence
- To support social and emotional development and provide positive guidance
- To establish positive and productive relationships with families
- To ensure a well-run, purposeful program responsive to participant needs
- To maintain a commitment to professionalism

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Curriculum Checksheet: [www.ccm.edu/checksheets](http://www.ccm.edu/checksheets)

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### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This nine-credit program is the first step toward a career as a preschool group teacher in a childcare center paraprofessional, substitute teacher, and many other child-related careers.

This CCM Certificate of Achievement is beneficial for those seeking workforce entry or employment in a childcare setting.

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## WHY STUDY AT CCM?

The Early Childhood Program provides outstanding instruction and experiential learning to prepare students for advanced study and child-related careers in a diverse and changing world. The curriculum is aligned with state and national standards and blends academic and professional preparation in a wide variety of courses. Courses are interactive with small class size, and offer on-campus, evening, hybrid, and online options.

Faculty are also affiliated with the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), New Jersey Association for Early Childhood Teacher Educators, and the National Association for Teacher Educators at an Associate Level (ACCESS).

## WHERE YOU CAN GO!

Completing the Child Development Associate (CDA) Education Certificate of Achievement at CCM is the first step toward a career as a preschool group teacher in a childcare center paraprofessional, substitute teacher, and many other child-related careers. In addition to supporting you in coursework, faculty are available to guide you on completing other requirements of the CDA credential along with your additional education and career goals. For students interested in pursuing further education, the CDA course series applies as course credit toward other Early Childhood certificate and associate degree options at CCM.

## CURRICULUM

### CDA EDUCATION CORE (9 CR)

Early Childhood Development	CDC 110	3
Curriculum, Teaching and Learning	CDC 210	3
Effective Preschool Practices	CDC 220	3

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<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>9</b>
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Note: For the most up-to-date listing of courses, see the Curriculum Checklist for this program on the CCM website at [www.ccm.edu/checksheets](http://www.ccm.edu/checksheets).