

Tips for Completing Your Birth to Five CDA Credential with ChildCareEd

We're excited to support you on your journey to earning the **Birth to Five Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential!** At ChildCareEd, our goal is to make this process simple, organized, and achievable.

Plan Your Training Schedule

To complete your CDA coursework efficiently, we recommend dedicating **15 hours per week** to your studies. Here's one way to break it down:

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

At this pace, you can complete your:

- **120 hours of CDA coursework** in just **8 weeks**
 - Any additional **30-hour training requirements** in only **2 weeks**
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Build Your Professional Portfolio



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The **Professional Portfolio** is an essential part of earning your Birth to Five CDA. You'll need the **CDA Competency Standards Book** from the Council for Professional Recognition to guide your portfolio work—order it early so you can start organizing your materials as you progress through training.

To make this process easier:

- Collect portfolio evidence and documents **as you complete each course**
 - Use ChildCareEd's **Portfolio Handbook** for a step-by-step guide, tips, and examples
 - Stay organized with our **checklist** of everything you'll need to submit for your CDA
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Use the Resources in Your Training Dashboard

Your ChildCareEd account includes valuable tools to help you succeed.

- Click “**View Course Handouts**” in your training dashboard to access resources, tips, and templates
 - Use the **CDA Portfolio Handbook** and **Portfolio Checklist** to stay on track
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Get Help Anytime

We're here to answer your questions and keep you motivated!

- Call us at **(833) 283-2241 (2TEACH1)**
- Or email us anytime for support

From all of us at ChildCareEd: **Congratulations on starting your Birth to Five CDA journey—You've Got This!**



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