The Monroe College School of Education’s Child Development Associate (CDA) continuing education program offers a specialized academic training opportunity for entry-level professionals (early childhood educators, assistant teachers, and family childcare providers) or veterans in the field who want to enhance their skills in working with young children from birth through five years. The CDA is a professional credential that is recognized by early childhood educators nationwide. It is often a requirement for hiring or advancement.

In order to earn the CDA certificate, you must complete the required coursework, a portfolio, and a formal onsite evaluation to be submitted to the Council for Professional Recognition. Monroe College will provide the 120-hour continuing education portion of the program of specialized instruction required by the Council for Professional Recognition towards the CDA certificate. It will meet the national certification requirements and prepare students to be successful on the national CDA exam. We will lend support for exam preparation and portfolio preparation as well.

The Monroe College CDA coursework will be organized and administered by the Council for Professional Recognition. Students who successfully complete the coursework for the CDA will be eligible to transfer 6 credits towards matriculation into the School of Education Early Childhood Program.

THE PROGRAM
The coursework prepares professionals to work with young children by providing them with a comprehensive program focusing on the key areas outlined in the following modules:
- **Module 1**: Observing/Recording Children’s Behavior and Child Development (birth–age 5) (40 hours)
- **Module 2**: Learning Environments and Early Childhood Curriculum (40 hours)
- **Module 3**: Professionalism, Program Management and Building Relationships with Families (40 hours)

CLASS SCHEDULE
Classes to be held Mon. through Thurs. for 10 weeks from October 6 to December 11.

MONROE CDA ADVANTAGES
- Monroe’s price of $1,560 is competitive when being compared with other institutions offering similar programs for a sensitive price-point market.
- After certification, should the student choose to come to Monroe for the BS in Education, they will be able to transfer in 6 credits from the coursework for the CDA.
- Our 10-week evening/weekend program works around most full-time work schedules.
- The mayor’s new pre-k initiative has created the need for more early childhood employees, including paraprofessionals. This credential would help qualify those who earn it.
- The NYS scholarship fund for professional development will cover up to $2,000 per person per year. This fee will cover the cost of the CDA certification as well.

QUALIFICATIONS
- Students need to be at least 18 years old and have a high school diploma or GED.
- Students must complete 480 hours of experience within three years of applying for the CDA.

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