

CDA Certification: Timeline for the HS Program (2 years/dual enrollment in FCS courses)

Requires:

- 120 hours of child development/early childhood education training
- 480 hours of experience working directly with children (paid or volunteer)

Schedule for recommendation of completing course work within a high school CDA program:

| | | Course enrollment |
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| Year 1 | Complete course work 120 Hours | ECE: Pathway to National Credential |
| | Work in the child development lab for 1 hour/day 180 Hours* Begins work on the portfolio | School & Community Partnership I |
| | 60 hours during the summer months | |
| Year 2 | Work in the child development lab for 1 – 2 hour(s)/day for a completion of 240 Hours** Completes the portfolio | School & Community Partnership II |
| | <u>Next steps:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete online application • Student participates in a CDA Verification Visit Study • Takes CDA Exam • Earns CDA Credential <i>upon passing score</i> | |
| | <u>Cost of CDA Exam</u> \$425.00 online | |

****Students must accumulate the work experience hours during their junior and senior years***

*****Missed days/hours of the school year could be made up during the summer months***

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