

## Program Benefits: **Students**

**How can a student get assistance for paying for the cost of the CDA training and exam?**

[okhighered.org/scholars](http://okhighered.org/scholars)

- Leave high school job-ready with nationally recognized CDA Credential
- Provides a jump start to their higher education with core knowledge of child development
- Gain the knowledge, skills and confidence to work with young children
- Earn college credit while still in high school
- Receive faculty support throughout the CDA process



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## **Early Care and Education:**

Pathway to your  
National Credential

# Requirements for completing a CDA Certification



## STEP 01

Student enrolls in CDA class in high school through a Career and Technical Education (CTE) program



## STEP 02

### Complete experience blocks

120 hours of child development/early childhood education +480 hours of experience working directly with children



## STEP 03

### Participate in a CDA Verification Visit

- Presents CDA Professional Portfolio for review
- Be observed working with young children
- Reflect on areas of strength or growth



## STEP 04

### Take CDA Exam

To take place at a local Pearson Vue testing center



## STEP 05

Earn your CDA Credential

### START WORKING

#### Find a job straight out of high school

CDA credentialed staff are in high demand

### FURTHER YOUR EDUCATION

Turn CDA into college credits toward an associate or bachelor degree\*

\*Based on individual policies at select colleges and universities



## How does the CDA work into the OK FCS Pathways of Study?

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

		Course Enrollment
Year 1	Complete course work 120 hours	ECE: Pathway to National Credential
	Work in the child development lab for 1 hour/day 180 hours	School & Community Partnership I
	60 hours during the summer months *Missed days/hours of the school year could be made up during the summer months	
Year 2	Work in the child development lab for 1-2 hour(s)/day for a completion of 240 hours**	School & Community Partnership II
	*Missed days/hours of the school year could be made up during the summer months	
	Next steps: Student participates in a CDA Verification Visit Study and take CDA Exam Earn CDA Credential	
	Cost of CDA Exam \$425.00 online	