



EARLY EDUCATOR'S CREDENTIALING PROGRAM "UPO HELPED ME GROW"



UPO's Office of Early Learning (OEL) has greatly expanded the Early Educators Credentialing Program formerly known as the Child Development Associate Program (CDA). We developed the program because we saw the great need for **dynamic, passionate early childhood professionals** — so we took it upon ourselves to help them grow! Our program has scholarships, funded academic opportunities, and a progressive credentialing program starting with the CDA and extending to a full Master's degree.

1) UPO Child Development Associate Credentialing Program

UPO's CDA Program starts with entry-level professionals. OEL gives essential foundational early childhood skills and offers the candidate the chance to experience intentional teaching practices in an infant/toddler classroom. The candidate gains knowledge of how to support positive outcomes for children and their families.

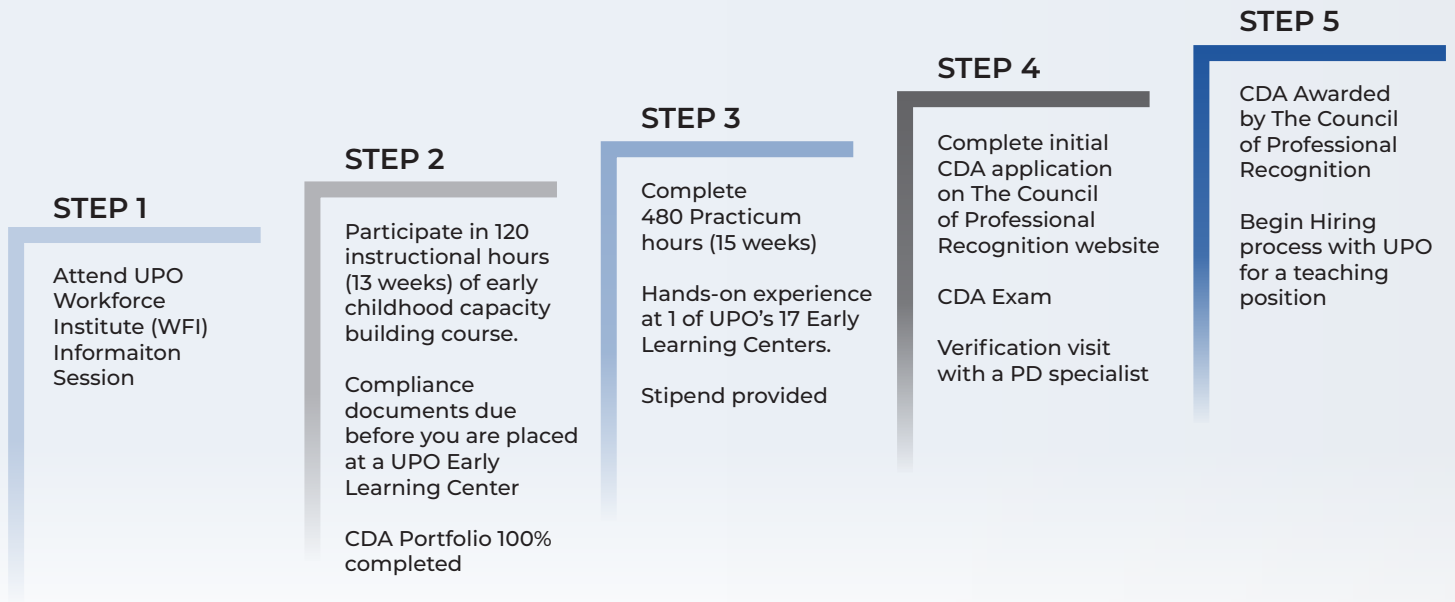
2) AA and BA Degree Programs

OEL-EECP collaborates with Higher Educational Institutions to provide AA and BA degrees for OEL early educators who wish to thrive in their careers.

3) Master's Degree Programs

Again, OEL-EECP collaborates with Higher Educational Institutions. This degree prepares early educators to pursue teaching, advocacy, and leadership roles in early education settings and beyond.

Obtain Your Child Development Associate Credential



Higher Educational Institution Partners

American University • Bowie State University • Denmark Technical College
Montgomery College • Prince George's Community College
Rasmussen University • Trinity Washington University
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