

## Certificate of Proficiency in Early Childhood

The Certificate of Proficiency in Early Childhood contains the foundation courses for a person wishing to pursue a career in early childhood (birth through preschool.) Students will learn about the Child Development Associate (CDA) processes, and the necessary steps they can take to obtain the CDA.

**Arkansas Northeast College does not issue the CDA credential. Only the CDA council in Washington, DC can issue the credential.** Students interested in obtaining the CDA credential should go to the CDA website at [www.cdacouncil.org](http://www.cdacouncil.org) and read all of the requirements.

The following courses provide the training required of the CDA credential:

Coursework/Training		Credit Hours
ED 13093	Child Growth and Development	3
ED 13103	Environments for Young Children	3
ED 13083	Foundations for Early Childhood Education	3
ED 13153	Advanced Field Experience	3
<b>Total Certificate Credit Hours</b>		<b>12</b>

*ED 23133: Child Growth and learning may be substituted for ED 13093*

*ED 23053: Survey of Early Childhood Education may be substituted for ED 13083*

### Other Requirements

- Students must earn grade of "C" or better in each training course.
- All students will have a child maltreatment background check, and a criminal background check before field placement begins (all background checks must be clear.)
- There may be fees beyond ANC's tuition and fees that are the responsibility of the student