



IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Early Childhood Education Alliance

Alignment of Core Courses with 8 Subject Areas of the CDA Credential

Courses	Subject Area 1 Environment	Subject Area 2 Physical/ Intellectual	Subject Area 3 Social/ Emotional	Subject Area 4 Families	Subject Area 5 Program Operation	Subject Area 6 Professionalism	Subject Area 7 Observation	Subject Area 8 Child Development
ECE103 - Intro to ECE 3 credits	5	5	5	5	5	10	5	5
ECE133 – Child Health Safety & Nutrition 3 credits	20	3	5	6	6	1	2	2
ECE243 Guidance 3 credits	6	3	15	6	2	2	5	5
Plus, one of the following:								
ECE158 Curriculum I 3 credits	8	7	7	2	4	2	7	8
ECE159 Curriculum II 3 credits	8	7	7	2	4	2	7	8
ECE221 Infant/Toddler 3 credits	6	6	8	5	4	4	6	6

To meet the CDA training requirement, 120 hours of training must be completed. At least 10 hours of training have to occur within each subject area; 1 college credit = 15 training hours. To obtain a CDA, each student is required to take ECE103, ECE133, ECE243, and either ECE158, ECE159, or ECE221.

ECE158—focuses on dramatic play, art, music, fine and gross motor play.

ECE159—focuses on emergent literacy, math, science, technology and social studies.

Some of the colleges in Iowa offer these classes as a year-long cohort opportunity, some offer them as night or weekend classes, and others offer them as online classes.