

Articulation Position Paper

The Goal: State-wide consensus for pathways for CDA Articulation

Rationale:

Early Childhood students in Institutions of Higher Education and Career and Technical Centers (CTC) can be transient. CTC and College credits need to be easily articulated in order for students to move where they choose while progressing in their completion to degree.

The Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential is often the building block, or “best first start” for many of these students. The committee that met on February 28, 2020 agreed that earning a CDA certificate has value due to Council for Professional Recognition’s rigor. The CDA Verification Visit includes a Professional Portfolio review of six competency areas and 2 hours of direct observation with children. Students also take a CDA Exam at a Pearson testing center.

The challenge was to reach a state-wide consensus for the articulation of the CDA Credential to college credit hours.

Proposal:

Each institution will determine the credit range for a student holding a valid (not expired) CDA Certificate from the Council for Professional Recognition.

The credit hours awarded would be no less than 3, and no more than 9 semester hours.

The following CTAG Courses would be the recommended articulated courses:

- Foundations of ECE
- Health, Safety and Nutrition
- Articulation would never be allowed for a capstone or practicum course.

The quality of the CDA preparation program matters and college credit should only be given in these instances:

- The CDA Preparation Program is taken for college credit as verified by a transcript
- The CDA Preparation Program has Ohio Approved modules as verified by a Registry Profile
- The CDA Preparation Program has a Gold Standard distinction and is verified by letterhead and it is recommended that the Registry add a “Gold Standard” designation in the Registry Profile

Future work needed:

Crosswalk between CTAG and CDA

Strengthen relationships with the CTC and Higher Ed in order to inform and advise about the CTC Modules and CDA, as well as share workforce needs