# CARE AND DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Programs in the Care and Development of Young Children (CDYC) discipline prepare students to effectively educate young children while assuring their health, safety, and well-being in a number of professional settings.

The Career and Technical Certificate serves as a 3 course credential for a Child Development Associate (CDA) upon completion of a Verification Visit and CDA test with the Council of Professional Recognition.  Upon receipt of their CDA diploma, students can apply for the Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate (ECAC) with LDOE, which is needed to be a teacher in a childcare center in LA.

Upon completion of the Technical Diploma (TD) in CDYC, students can apply for the Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate (ECAC) with LDOE, which is needed to be a lead teacher in a childcare center in LA.

Upon completion of the AAS in CDYC, students can apply for the Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate (ECAC) with LDOE, which is needed to be a lead teacher or director in a childcare center in LA. Students may also further pursue their studies at a university level.

**The Student Learning Outcomes for this program are:**

a. Students demonstrate consistent competence and professionalism as an educator of young children.
b. Students effectively apply the principles of developmentally appropriate practice in planning and practice.
c. Students effectively deal with common occurrences in an early childhood setting independently or with minimal assistance from a professional educator.
d. Students communicate effectively with children and adults in an early childhood setting.
e. Students demonstrate respect for children, both individually and as a group.

**Available Programs in CDYC:**

- Career and Technical Certificate
- Technical Diploma
- Associate of Applied Science

## Certificates and Degrees

- Care and Development of Young Children, Technical Diploma
- Early Childhood Teaching Skills, Career and Technical Certificate
- Care and Development of Young Children, Associate of Applied Science