

Early Childhood Education Capstone Certification

About this capstone

The **Early Childhood Education** capstone is a comprehensive certification awarded upon successful completion of the following required exams. This structure validates a learner's knowledge of child development and instructional practices—preparing them for careers in early education and supporting progress toward the Child Development Associate Credential (CDA).

Required certifications

- [Early Childhood Education 1](#)
- [Early Childhood Education 2](#)

Capstone description

The Early Childhood Education capstone assesses learners' ability to support and guide children's development using best practices in education. Early Childhood Education 1 introduces child-related careers, developmentally appropriate practices (DAP), curriculum design, and the integration of STEM in early learning—all aligned with preparation for the CDA. Early Childhood Education 2 builds on these concepts by evaluating learners' ability to apply DAP in classroom instruction, teach lessons, create and maintain healthy environments, and foster positive relationships with children. Together, these certifications provide the foundation for professional readiness in early childhood education and progression toward nationally recognized credentials.