Penn’s innovative CDA program consists of 3 courses that build on the knowledge of early childhood practitioners, connecting child development theory and practice, as well as health, safety, nutrition, family community relations, and ethical practice with children, families, and the community. The CDA six competency goals and thirteen functional areas are integrated into course content and discussions.

How to Register:

Step 1: Pre-Register Online:

Step 2: Apply for Rising STARS Tuition Assistance at https://www.pakeys.org/keystone-stars/rising-stars/

Step 3: Upon being approved, see page 2 for the PLN online registration instructions.

Step 4: Email gsepennlit@pobox.upenn.edu with your name to confirm your registration.

For more information, please contact
the PLN Office: gsepennlit@pobox.upenn.edu 215-898-1984

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How do I register for these PLN courses?
Complete the following!


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   *Please submit a complete Rising STARS application right away. It is recommended completed applications be submitted at least four weeks prior to the start of the course, or prior to the tuition due date, whichever is first.


4. Please email gseppennlit@pobox.upenn.edu when STEPS 1 to 3 have been completed. Include your name, childcare center, director’s name, director’s phone number and the location where you are taking the CDA courses.

   **Tuition Details:** Please note that the CDA program consists of THREE courses.

   • Course tuition for EACH 3-credit CDA course is $1,166 per course.
   • There are NO BOOKS TO PURCHASE.
   • Rising STARS will pay 95% of CDA Course tuition ($1,166) per course.
   • Recipients will pay 5% of the tuition ($58.30) per course for 3 courses.

   *These courses are being offered by The University of Pennsylvania’s Graduate School of Education through The Penn Literacy Network. Each course is worth 3 continuing education credits which can be transferred to most 2 year Associates Degree programs. Please check with your institution for approval and transfer policies.