



**Penn Literacy Network/University of Pennsylvania  
Child Development Associates Program (CDA)**

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**CDA programs through the Penn Literacy Network  
are now funded by Rising STARS.**

📌 After July 1, please apply for Rising STARS Tuition Assistance: <https://www.papdregistry.org>.  
A Tip Sheet for applying will be available at that time.

**\*\*Set up your PA Keys account prior to July 1\*\*** - [www.papdregistry.org](http://www.papdregistry.org)  
On the top right hand corner please click on register.

For more information on funding for early childhood credentials and certificates available through Rising STARS Tuition Assistance (RSTA), **visit this link:** <https://www.pakeys.org/keystone-stars/rising-stars/> or call Amber Repman at 717-213-2071 or email at [ambrep@pakeys.org](mailto:ambrep@pakeys.org).

**CDA Offerings for 2019-20 through PLN**

PLN will offer Child Development Associates (CDA) coursework during the 2019-20 school year. The CDA program consists of 3 courses that can be completed in one calendar year or less.

Participants who successfully complete each course will earn .75 course units from the Graduate School of Education at the University of Pennsylvania (*equivalent to 3 continuing education credits per course x 3 courses = 9 continuing education credits total*).

*\*\*Participants must apply separately for each CDA course prior to attending that course\*\*.*

**\*\*Courses will be established at a variety of locations in the following counties: Philadelphia, Delaware and Montgomery starting in September 2019.**

➔ **If you haven't pre-registered and would like us to notify you of upcoming CDA courses through PLN, please complete the linked form: <http://bit.ly/CDAPLN>**

***More information will follow once the PA Keys Registry becomes available on July 1<sup>st</sup>.***

## **Changes to Eligibility Requirements for Rising STARS Beginning July 1, 2019 (Posted May 2019)**

The Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) supports the degree attainment for early childhood educators through two scholarship programs in Pennsylvania, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood PENNSYLVANIA and Rising STARS Tuition Assistance (RSTA). In order to maximize Federal and State funding and streamline the scholarship options in PA, the requirements for eligibility under the programs are changing for 2019-20. Effective July 1, 2019, the following criteria will be used to determine eligibility under each scholarship program:

- [Changes to Rising STARS & T.E.A.C.H. Comparison Chart](#) (PDF)
- <https://www.pakeys.org/keystone-stars/rising-stars/>

### *Child Development Associates (CDA) Program 1-year program (Fall 2019/Early Winter 2020)*

#### **Course Description:**

Child Development Associates (CDA) Program PLN's three CDA hybrid courses build on the experiential knowledge of the early childhood practitioner (candidate). The courses connect child development theory and practice, health, safety, nutrition, and family community relations and the significant responsibilities of the candidates regarding ethical practice with children, families, and the community. The CDA six competency goals and thirteen functional areas are integrated into course content and discussions. Required texts: "Competency Standards Book-Preschool/Infant-Toddler" and "All About Childcare and Education: A Comprehensive Resource for Childcare Professionals" (2nd edition).

PLN CDA I	EDCE 355	3 credits	Start Date: TBD	End Date: TBD
PLN CDA II	EDCE 382	3 credits	Start Date: TBD	End Date: TBD
PLN CDA III	EDCE 383	3 credits	Start Date: TBD	End Date: TBD

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Total credits                      9 credits

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Thank you,

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