

# BANK STREET COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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## CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE CREDENTIAL



The Child Development Associate Credential (CDA) National Credentialing Program is a national effort to enhance the quality of early care and education. The Council for Professional Recognition administers and awards the CDA to candidates that demonstrate competence in nurturing the health, safety, and learning of young children, while supporting their families.

### **Bank Street College of Education provides formal course hours in child development and early childhood education:**

Child Development (birth – 5 years old)

Integrated Curriculum and Learning Environment for Infants & Toddlers or Preschoolers  
Building Relationships, Supporting Diverse Families, Program Management, and Professionalism

### **CDA course work focuses on eight essential content areas:**

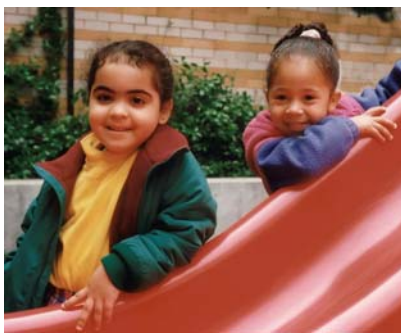
- An introduction to the early childhood profession
- Increasing the participants' understanding of child and family development
- Observing and recording child growth and development
- Integrating curriculum activities through play that fosters physical, language, social/emotional, and cognitive growth
- Promoting the participants' understanding of the importance of health, safety, and nutrition and how these relate to providing a supportive learning environment
- Building positive, culturally sensitive relationships with families
- Supporting participants in gaining a clear understanding of program management, including the importance of working together as a team;
- Supporting participants' commitment to professionalism



### **In addition, Bank Street College of Education provides:**

**Advisement:** An advisor leads a forum for exchanging ideas, resolving problems and deepening participants understanding of early education so they can integrate theory with their practice.

**Internship:** Each participant is placed in an early care and education program to gain first-hand experience as a lead teacher/caregiver of young children.



### **For More Information:**

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### **Scholarship:**

For students who qualify, funding is available through **The New York State Child Care Educational Incentive Program (EIP)**.  
Call the EIP information line at 800-295-9616 or  
e-mail: [eip@tsg.suny.edu](mailto:eip@tsg.suny.edu)