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CREDENTIALS FOR TEACHER QUALIFICATION

CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL
EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY™

	Child Development Associate (CDA) www.cdacouncil.org	Certified Childcare Professional (CCP) www.necpa.net
Number of Training Hours	120 hours (10 hours in each of the 8 areas)	150 hours (education/training reflecting the 9 Professional Ability Areas)
Portfolio & Exam & Other requirements	• Professional Portfolio • Family Questionnaires • Credential Exam • Can be used for College Credit	• Professional Development Portfolio • Credentialing Exam • Two Parent Evaluations & Two letters of endorsement and Two writing samples
Work Experience	480 hours of work experience working with children in the age group on CDA application within 3 years of submitting application	720 hours of child care experience serving B-age 6 within last 5 years at licensed center
Observation/Verification	Professional Development Specialist: Vicky Foster vlfoster2@eiu.edu #P000285663	Field Counselors: Melissa Coleman mdcoleman@eiu.edu Lori Rothrock ljrothrock@eiu.edu
Cost	$525 online or $600 with paper application Renewal $250 online or $300 paper	$350 application fee Renewal $49.95