

The TECTA Career Lattice: A Format for Early Childhood Professional Development

Professional development, also known as continuing education, should be an essential component of your career growth and plan. As with your other life goals, it is recommended that you develop a personalized action plan designed to help you achieve your goals.

After you determine which path you want to follow, or if you need help choosing a path, call or visit your local TECTA office for more information about how to get started.

Graduate
Degrees
M.S., M.Ed.
Ph.D., Ed.D.

Bachelors'
Degrees
B.S., B.A.

Associates'
Degrees
A.S., A.A.,
A.A.S.

Earn degrees in Early
Childhood-related fields
with support from
TECTA

Technical
Certificate

Students who received their CDA Credential through TECTA are 10 – 12 more credits closer to earning an Early Childhood Education Technical Certificate, at the same time receiving necessary credits for CDA renewal.

When thinking about your career goals, ask yourself these questions:

- How can I improve or strengthen my work performance?
- What are the key areas I want or need to develop to remain skilled in my profession?
- What are new skills and knowledge I will need in the future?

Child
Development
Associate
(CDA)
Credential

TECTA provides its program participants with assistance during the documentation and assessment process of completing the credential requirements. As funds are available, TECTA provides scholarship assistance for the \$425.00 CDA Assessment fee.

CDA
Preparation
Courses

Earn 12 credit
hours toward an
Associate
(A.A.S) Degree

Safe and Healthy
Learning
Environments
3 Academic
Credits or 45
Clock Hours*

Initial
Practicum
3 Academic
Credits or 105
Clock Hours*

Early Childhood
Curriculum
3 Academic
Credits or 45
Clock Hours*

Family Dynamics
and Community
Involvement
3 Academic
Credits or
45 Clock Hours*

ECED 2310

ECED 2335

ECED 2315

ECED 2340

*Courses
from an
accredited
TBR
Institution

30 Hours of
Free TECTA
Orientation

Earn a TECTA
Certificate of
Completion

TECTA Orientation is the “gateway” to the Child Development Associate (CDA) preparation and degrees in early childhood. Choose from five specializations: Administrator, Center-Based, Infant/Toddler, School-Age, and Family Child Care.