



Interested in entering the early childhood profession, a growing field of great opportunity and also looking for a career pathway, and to learn how to be an effective teacher of young children, then a childcare worker may be the right career path for you.

Childcare Workers (CCW) are direct care educators who provide services in childcare settings and school-based programs. These professionals have the role in supporting other professionals, including teacher assistants, teachers, and caregivers, in attending to children's needs while helping to foster early childhood development.

Childcare Workers (CCW) facilitate daily routines with focus to supervise and monitor the safety of children, prepare and organize mealtimes and snacks for children, help children practice good hygiene, and change the diapers of infants and toddlers. CCWs also organize activities or implement a curriculum that allows children to learn about the world and explore their interests; develop schedules and routines to ensure that children have enough physical activity, rest, and playtime; observe for signs of emotional or developmental problems in children, and bring potential concerns to the attention of others. Record keeping of children's progress, routines, and interests is an important task.

The Childcare Worker Course at Nassau Community College is designed to support teachers in meeting the requirements for filing an CDA application. This course is designed to prepare adult learners with professional education. Offering 120 hours of professional education, with six (6) modules to focus on the eight (8) CDA subject areas and to support the development of twelve (12) functional areas needed to understand how to practice each of the eight (8) CDA competency standards.

- Health safety and nutrition
- Foundations of child development and theories
- Early education learning environments
- Curriculum and learning activities
- Child planning and assessment of learning
- Early childhood professionals, communities and families

- High school diploma/GED
- 18 years of age
- Ability to pass a background check with clearance to work with children and families
- A valid NYS driver's license
- Interest in Childcare field

This course fulfills 120 hours required for the Child Development Associate Training and provides the required support for CDA (Child Development Associate) candidacy. For additional requirements please visit CDA Council at <https://www.cdacouncil.org/>.

