



CONSUMER INFORMATION

Early Childhood Education

[Tri-C Early Childhood Education Program: Cleveland, Ohio](#)

STATE: Qualifies students for initial or additional state license:

All/Washington, D.C. [CDA Council | Credentialing Excellence for ECE Competence](#)

STATE: Licensure required as a prerequisite:

All/Washington, D.C. Refer to each state licensing board.

STATE: Licensing board approval:

All/Washington, D.C. [Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation \(caepnet.org\)](#)

STATE: Leads to national certification or credential:

All/Washington, D.C. [Child Development Associate Credential \(CDA\) - CDA Council](#)

STATE: National certification exam:

All/Washington, D.C. [5 Steps to Obtain a CDA Credential - CDA Council](#)

STATE: Programmatic accreditation:

All/Washington, D.C. [Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation \(caepnet.org\)](#)

STATE: Field experience: online or on-ground?

All/Washington, D.C.

Both. The (ECTC) is a competency-based credential awarded by the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) to individuals at the Associate and Bachelor degree level with concentrations in Infant/Toddler, Preschool or Infant/Toddler AND Preschool. Accredited colleges may offer the early childhood education programs online synchronous and asynchronous.

STATE: National professional association/organization:

All/Washington, D.C. [National Association for the Education of Young Children \(NAEYC\)](#)