Earning a Child Development Associate Credential

What will I learn by enrolling in a CDA course?
Child development, developing educational materials and activities, facilitating children’s art, working with parents, nutrition, teaching children with special needs and child care administration.

Am I qualified to earn my CDA?
A high school diploma or equivalent is all you need. There are no additional special entrance requirements.

How do I enroll in a CDA class?
Information can be found at the Council for Professional Recognition website: https://www.cdacouncil.org/about/cda-credential

When do classes start/meet?
Courses are offered online on a continual basis. You complete the credentialing course on your own schedule.
What kind of commitment are scholarship teachers required to make?
As scholarship recipients, teachers must:
- Contribute 10% of the cost of the CDA Credential over the course of a year.
- Complete their CDA Credential during the contract year.
- Commit to teach at their sponsoring program for another six (6) months in return for a bonus.

Can any type of program sponsor a teacher on a T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NH scholarship?
Profit, church, not-for-profit, public and Head Start programs have sponsored scholarship teachers. Any licensed or center wishing to make a commitment to teacher education and compensation by meeting the terms of the scholarship contract can participate.

How is the Early Childhood Associate Degree Scholarship Program funded?
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What kind of financial reward does the early childhood teacher receive?
The teacher is awarded a $150 bonus upon completion of the required coursework within the contract year.