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# Child Development Associate (CDA) Program

## Attention Early Childhood Educators!

University of Nevada, Reno Extension is providing a Child Development Associate (CDA) Program for educators currently employed at center based child care centers and in-home child care anywhere in Nevada.

The program includes all materials needed for earning a CDA Credential. Sessions begin twice a year in January and August.

Earning this certification is a great way to take a step forward in your career with young children, demonstrate your skills and gain recognition for your hard work.



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## Program Calendar Summary Fall 2026

**Thank you for your interest in the Fall 2026 CDA program through the UNR Extension. This is a hybrid course including virtual classes on Zoom, online modules, in-person workshops, and coaching.**

Below is a summary of the required dates for this program. All in-person dates are mandatory. Please review and plan accordingly.

**Virtual Meet & Greet:** July 28-30, 2026 (Zoom). These meetings will be scheduled in advance. This is an opportunity to meet the instructors and coaches.

**Online Course Pre-requisite:** due August 12, 2026. Further instructions will be provided during the virtual meet & greet.

### Zoom Classes:

- First class: **August 18, 2026, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**
- Attendance on Zoom is required every Tuesday and Thursday evening from **6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** (Excluding Holidays)

**Online courses:** One course per week must be completed by the assigned due dates. Each course will take about 3 hours to complete.

### In-person Portfolio Workshops:

- Mandatory in-person workshops are scheduled on Saturdays from **9 a.m. to 12 p.m.**
- Please see the below dates:
  - **August 15:** Orientation
  - **August 29:** Portfolio Workshop
  - **September 26:** Portfolio Workshop
  - **October 24:** Portfolio Workshop
  - **November 21:** Portfolio Workshop
  - **December 12:** Final Review & Celebration



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*Schedule is subject to change*

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