



**TENNESSEE STATE
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Center of Excellence
For Learning Sciences

**Tennessee Early Childhood
Training Alliance (TECTA)**
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Format for Early Childhood Professional Development

Courses	Titles and Topics	Earning
Orientation No cost to participant	Specializations: Center Based; Family; School-Age; Infant/Toddler; Administrator	Non-credit 30 clock hours TECTA Orientation Certificate
ECED 2010	*Safe, Healthy, Learning Environments: Topics related to CDA functional areas of safe, healthy, and learning environments (Competency Goal I)	3 academic credits 45 clock hours
ECED 2130	*Initial Practicum: On-the-job experiences related to CDA functional areas of safe, healthy, and learning environments (Competency Goal I)	3 academic credits 90 clock hours
ECED 2015	*Early Childhood Curriculum: Topics related to CDA functional areas of physical, cognitive, communication, creative, self, social, and guidance (Competency Goals II & III)	3 academic credits 45 clock hours
ECED 2040	*Family Dynamics & Community Involvement: Topics related to CDA functional areas of families, program management, and professionalism (Competency Goals IV, V & VI)	3 academic credits 45 clock hours
Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential	The local TECTA office provides TECTA Program participants with assistance during the documentation and assessment process of completing the credential requirements. As funds are available TECTA Management provides TECTA Program participants with scholarship assistance for the \$325.00 CDA Application for Assessment fee.	
Courses related to degree requirements	Early Childhood Education Associate, Bachelor and Graduate Degree Programs Eligible ECE degree-seeking students may apply for financial assistance for tuition as funds are available.	A.S. /A.A. A.A.S. B.S. M.S./M.Ed. Ed.D/Ph.D.

TECTA Orientation is the “gateway” to TECTA Program Child Development Associate (CDA) preparation and support system. Upon completion of the *CDA preparation courses participants will have 11 credit hours toward an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in Early Childhood Education from an accredited TBR institution. To locate the TECTA Program office in your area visit the TECTA website, www.tecta.info.

Assistance for individuals interested in acquiring the **Tennessee Early Childhood Administrator Credential** is available from the nearest TECTA Program office.

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