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# CREDENDA

## VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE



## Early Learning and Child Care DIPLOMA

### Program Description

The Early Learning and Child Care Diploma program at Credenda will challenge you to use your knowledge in human development, sensory development, leadership, and observation to design and run programs that stimulate and enhance developmental potential in all children, including children with special needs. Your career options are broad from front-line child care work to management and leadership positions.

### Program Overview

Credenda Virtual College is offering the Early Learning and Child Care Diploma program via the internet with live interactive lessons so you can stay in your community. The diploma program is comprised of 10 courses and two practicums, with each course approximately eight weeks long. The classes will take place one evening a week allowing you to retain employment during the day and still work towards your education goals. Program length is about two years. You will need a headset with microphone.

### Prerequisites Before Enrolling

- You must have successfully completed the Early Learning and Child Care certificate program or an equivalent with at least a 2.0 Grade Point Average (GPA).
- A criminal record check.
- A Child Intervention Record System (CIRS) check.

### Year 1 Cost:

5 Courses x \$525	\$2,625
1 Practicum	\$525
Application fee	\$65
Program access fee	\$50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,265</b>

### Year 2 Cost:

5 Courses x \$525	\$2,625
1 Practicum	\$525
Program access fee	\$50
Graduation fee	\$50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,250</b>

Please note: All costs are approximate and subject to change.



## PROGRAM COURSE LIST

- HS 242 Interpersonal Communications
- SS 245 Infant and Toddler Care
- ED 238 Early Childhood Foundations
- HS 202 Recreation & Leisure Planning
- HS 230 Sensory Development
- HS 270 Practicum 3
- ED 243 Emergent Curriculum
- HS 240 Family Studies
- HS 225 Exceptionalities 2
- ED 235 Organizational Relationships
- YC 102 Children & Youth at Risk
- HS 271 Practicum 4

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## **HS 242 Interpersonal Communications** **\$525**

Designed to develop interpersonal communication skills individually and in group situations as needed human services. Examines self-esteem and interpersonal relationship resolution skills needed for working with individuals and groups, families and colleagues.

## **SS 245 Infant and Toddler Care** **\$525**

This course is designed to link the theoretical base of infant development to the planning, implementation, and evaluation of home-based and group settings for infants and toddlers. Prerequisite: ECD Certificate.

## **ED 238 Early Childhood Foundations** **\$525**

Explores the historical, philosophical and social influences that have formed the basis of early childhood programs. Examine the views of early advocates (educators, philosophers, theorists) and the prevailing social conditions, which have led to the development of the wide range of programs available today. Issues influencing early childhood education today are also examined. Prerequisite: ECD Certificate.

## **HS 202 Recreation and Leisure Planning** **\$525**

Explores the link between the developmental needs of children ages six to 17 and program planning for this age group. Research and analyze community and program resources and plan recreation experiences appropriate for out-of-school care. Emphasis is on developing leadership and group management skills while participating in a variety of experiences, which will engage school-aged individuals.

## **HS 230 Sensory Development** **\$525**

Examines brain and sensory development as it relates to planning activities for children. Explore sensory integration dysfunction in relation to adapting environments and experiences for children.

## **HS 270 Practicum 3** **\$525**

This first practicum in the second year emphasizes working with children, administrators, and parents. Students develop and operate a community-based children's program where they plan and organize their day with guidance from supervising personnel. Students spend 150 hours planning, implementing, and evaluating a childcare project, and 50 hours participating in individual group and feedback sessions.

## **ED 243 Emergent Curriculum** **\$525**

Designed to enable you to apply observation skills and curriculum related knowledge to develop an integrated program. Examine narrative descriptions and deal with the emergent play-oriented curriculum with respect to the child centered and adult facilitated approach. Prerequisite: Early Learning and Child Care Certificate.

## **HS 240 Family Studies** **\$525**

An introduction to the family focusing on various ways of viewing family, diversity, economics and social influences that determine the family's ability to thrive in society. Explore different ways of viewing the family, issues of marriage, variations in families, parenting, crises, separation, divorce and remarriage as well as practical suggestions in working with families as they face challenges.

## **HS 225 Children with Exceptionalities 2** **\$525**

Explores strategies to enable individuals with exceptionalities to succeed in inclusive and other settings. Examine exceptionalities as well as assessment, planning and resources.

## **ED 235 Organizational Relationships** **\$525**

Integrates a humanistic perspective into the organizational frameworks of early childhood settings. You explore policy and procedure in conjunction with the needs of children, staff, parents and community. Prerequisites: Early Learning and Child Care Certificate.

## **YC 102 Children and Youth at Risk** **\$525**

This course provides an introduction to developing specific knowledge, attitudes and skills about interacting with children and youth at risk. In exploring situations that place individuals at risk, prevention, intervention and treatments are discussed.

## **HS 271 Practicum 4** **\$525**

This course is the concluding practicum of the second year Early Learning and Child Care program. Reflecting and building on their learning experiences of the previous practicum, students plan, set up, implement, and evaluate an early learning and child care program with guidance from supervising personnel. Students spend 120 hours working with children, 50 hours engaged in administrative and interactive roles and 30 hours exploring professional and personal development opportunities.

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