

**BAKER COLLEGE**  
**Waiver Form - Office Copy**  
**Child Development Associate Academic Foundations**  
**Certificate**

**Acknowledgment Form - Open Enrollment Programs**

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***Campuses: Allen Park, Auburn Hills, Flint, Jackson, Muskegon.***

**Program Description**

This program is designed to assist home learning providers, GSRP or Head Start educators, and teacher aides to earn their CDA Credential - Center Setting, Preschool, ages 3-5 - from the Council for Professional Recognition, while they continue to work. This certificate program starts in the fall and consists of seven courses to be completed in one year. Students who begin this program in the Fall Quarter 2014 are eligible to apply for the Council's Certificate in March of 2015, provided they have met all other Council requirements. In this program, you will: 1) Meet the academic requirements needed for the CDA Preschool Credential, 2) meet the resource file requirements needed for the CDA Preschool Credential and 3) be eligible to apply for part-time financial aid from Baker College and/or the Michigan TEACH program.

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