Quest Quick Facts

Quest is a CDA Gold Standard training program that prepares participants for their National CDA with Infant-Toddler or Preschool Endorsement. The core program consists of 80 clock hours that encompasses the entire CDA preparation process and specifically meets the eight (8) CDA Subject Areas. This includes face-to-face and/or virtual training and on-the-job coaching. An additional 40 hours are available for students, as needed, to complete the 120 hour training requirement for the National CDA. There is no out of pocket expense for the participant or provider.

Quest is available to participants who meet the following requirements

WHO
- Must work for a licensed center or family child care home with a School Readiness Contract that participates in the School Readiness Program Assessment
- Must work a minimum of 20 hours per week in a classroom
- Must have a high school diploma

WHAT
- Includes training and on-the-job coaching
- Coursework specific to Infant/Toddler and Preschool teachers
- Completely FREE for participants
- Includes classroom materials and participant stipend upon program completion

WHEN
- Multiple cohorts of Quest will be offered throughout the year for both Infant/Toddler and Preschool Tracks
- There are also options based on individual needs

WHY
- Earning a CDA is your “best first step” because it demonstrates your knowledge, skills and abilities when working with young children, as well as a commitment to career advancement and professionalism.
- It advances you on the Florida Early Care and Education Pathway and can be articulated to college credits.

HOW
- Click here to submit a CDA Interest Form. You will be contacted within seven (7) business days.
- If you have questions or want to speak to someone for further information please email your request to Providertraining@elcpinellas.org