

# CDA Training Course Wyoming Applicant Packet

Hours of Operation (Eastern Time):

Monday-Thursday: 7:00am-6:00pm

Friday: 7:00am-12:00pm

Closed on Weekends and Holidays

Register on Your Phone, Tablet, or Computer by Visiting

https://misstrish.net/

& Selecting Earn Your CDA – Start Today!





### **Welcome Message and Mission Statement**

#### Welcome

Welcome to Miss Trish's Wellness Teachings and Techniques! We pride ourselves on helping parents and preschool facilities create a healthy and positive basis for the children in their lives. We also take great pride in helping parents and teachers establish skillsets to further enhance their own personal and teaching habits.

At Miss Trish's Wellness Teachings and Techniques, we are proud to offer one of a kind schedule friendly programs that facilitate children, parents, teachers, and preschools. Whether it be developing positive habits for children, parent coaching, or simple room organization techniques, one of our many programs can help all involved establish habits in the present that will create a basis for a bright future.

With the help of our certified and trained staff, you can feel comfortable knowing that you are working in conjunction with experienced professionals who are eager to help provide a positive foundation of wellness for your future.

#### **Mission Statement**

Miss Trish's Wellness Teachings and Techniques is dedicated to helping parents, teachers, and preschool facilities create a healthy and positive basis for the children in their lives.

Our mission is to provide programs that develop a healthy and educational foundation for children and teachers in a schedule friendly manner.

At Miss Trish's Wellness Teachings and Techniques, we are dedicated and committed to providing teachers, families, and preschools with the utmost care, professionalism, and individualized assistance.

#### **Policies and Guidelines**

Please visit misstrish.net to read and review our Policies and Guidelines.



# **CDA Training Course**

Earn the Most Widely Recognized Credential in Early Childhood Education

Providing You With Everything You Need To Earn Your CDA
Trainings & Classes Provided by Certified Educators with
Field Experience

#### **CDA Requirements:**

- 120 Hours of Training in CDA Subject Areas
- Professional Portfolio
- CDA Exam
- PD Specialist Observation

#### Making It Work For You:

- Online Course
- Personalized Guidance
- Schedule Friendly
- Exam Preparation

#### Why Earn Your CDA:

- Further Enhance Your Knowledge and Career
- Increase Your Training
- Boost Your Classroom Performance
- Potentially Earn a Higher Salary

Required Textbooks & Materials to be Purchased: CDA Essentials for Working with Young Children (Second Edition), The Child Development Associate National Credentialing Program and CDA Competency Standards, and a Binder for your Portfolio\*

# CDA TRAINING INFORMATION

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE IN VARIOUS STATES

PAYMENT PLANS & DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

**SCHEDULE FRIENDLY** 

**FULL ONLINE COURSE** 

OPTIONAL ONLINE LIVE CLASS SESSIONS

INDIVIDUAL ONLINE
TUTORING AVAILABLE

# CONTACT INFORMATION

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#### Miss Trish's is an IACET Accredited Provider

#### What is IACET?

 IACET (International Accreditors for Continuing Education and Training) is recognized internationally as a standard development organization and accrediting body that promotes quality of continuing education and training

#### Why Does it Matter that Miss Trish's is an IACET Accredited Provider?

Miss Trish's Wellness Teachings and Techniques is accredited by the International
Accreditors for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) and offers IACET CEUs for its
learning events that comply with the ANSI/IACET Continuing Education and Training
Standard. IACET is recognized internationally as a standard development organization
and accrediting body that promotes quality of continuing education and training.

#### What Does Miss Trish's Provide as an IACET Accredited Provider?

- CEUs for all learning events that comply with the ANSI/IACET Continuing Education and Training Standard (ex: 12 CEUs for 120 Hours of CDA Training)
- An organization that provides stellar processes used to plan, design, develop, deliver, and administer programs
- Assurance of a quality organization
- Learning opportunities that have been benchmarked against industry best practices







#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# Miss Trish's Wellness Teachings and Techniques Becomes an IACET Accredited Provider Prestigious Accreditation Demonstrates Commitment to High-Quality Adult Learning

**September 1, 2021:** The International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) has awarded Miss Trish's Wellness Teachings and Techniques the prestigious Accredited Provider accreditation. IACET Accredited Providers are the only organizations approved to offer IACET Continuing Education Units (CEUs). The accreditation period extends for five years, and includes all programs offered or created during that time.

"Miss Trish's Wellness Teachings and Techniques is proud of our education programs which educate hundreds of Early Childhood Educators each year in crucial classroom skills so that our students can maintain relevancy in today's world," stated Patricia Pascucci, Owner/Director. Patricia Pascucci added, "Our accreditation with IACET is a demonstration of our commitment to quality adult education and high standards for all of our programs. We are very pleased to join such a prestigious organization as well as an elite group of organizations that offer excellent continuing education and training programs."

"We are pleased to recognize and celebrate the achievement of Miss Trish's Wellness Teachings and Techniques as an Accredited Provider," stated Casandra Blassingame, CEO of IACET. Blassingame added, "Miss Trish's Wellness Teachings and Techniques proudly joins nearly 500 organizations around the globe that have matriculated through a rigorous peer-reviewed process by experts in continuing education, thereby ensuring the highest possible standards are met."

#### **Courses Offered Include:**

- All Inclusive Online CDA Program
- Online CDA Renewal Course
- Online Early Childhood Education Courses

To achieve Accredited Provider accreditation, Miss Trish's Wellness Teachings and Techniques completed a rigorous application process and successfully demonstrated adherence to the ANSI/IACET 2018-1 Standard for Continuing Education and Training by addressing the design, development, administration, and evaluation of its programs. Miss Trish's has pledged its continued compliance with the Standard and is now authorized to use the IACET name and Accredited Provider logo on promotional course material. In addition, Miss Trish's Wellness Teachings and Techniques is now linked to the IACET web site and is recognized as offering the highest quality continuing education and training programs.

Miss Trish's Wellness Teachings and Techniques is redefining education for Early Childhood Educators, creating flexible courses that are designed for Educators by Educators. With continued support, students enrolled in courses created by Miss Trish can feel confident that they will not only successfully complete their training, but apply the skills learned in a classroom setting to become the best teachers possible.

**About IACET:** The International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) is a non-profit association dedicated to quality continuing education and training programs. IACET is the only standard-setting organization approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) for continuing education and training. The ANSI/IACET 2018-1 Standard for Continuing Education and Training is the core of thousands of educational programs worldwide. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.iacet.org">www.iacet.org</a> or call 703-763-0705.



## What's Included in Miss Trish's CDA Program?

#### Course Information and Details

- IACET Accredited Provider
- 100% virtual learning with ongoing support from Certified Educators with field experience
- Participants are able to create their own learning schedule and complete their training during their availability (we recommend 6 hours per week but participants are able to create their own schedule)
- Optional weekly live virtual classes with a certified educator at no extra cost
- Optional one-on-one or small group virtual tutoring with a certified educator at no extra cost
- Continued support and guidance from a team of educators with field experience
- 120 hours of online training in all required CDA Subject Areas
- Earn 12 CEUs (Continuing Education Units)
- Professional Portfolio assistance from certified PD Specialists
- CDA Exam preparation
- Assistance locating a PD Specialist and preparing for your observation

#### **Course Timeline**

- Participants are provided with 5 months access to the online CDA Program to complete their 120 hours of training in all 8 required subject areas towards earning their CDA
- Participants are provided with 7 months access to the CDA Professional Portfolio Course for additional assistance creating the required Professional Portfolio towards earning their CDA
- Participants are provided with guidance upon the completion of their 120 hours of training towards the next stages of earning their CDA

#### Required Texts to be Purchased Separately:

(All texts can be purchased at https://www.cdacouncil.org/)

- The Child Development Associate National Credentialing Program and CDA Competency Standards (Infant - Toddler or Preschool Edition)
- CDA Essentials for Working with Young Children (Second Edition)

#### Students Enrolled In This Training Will Have Access To:

- Course Syllabus
- Study Guide/Review Packets
- Interactive Worksheets
- Training Videos
- Sample Professional Portfolio and Review of your Professional Portfolio
- Interactive Review Activities
- Content Assessments
- Personalized Assistance
- Optional Live Virtual Classes
- Optional Personal or Small Group Tutoring
- Email and Text Message Notifications

#### Why Choose Miss Trish's Wellness Teachings And Techniques For All Of Your Trainings?

- All trainings created by an Educator for Educators
- Course activities to engage all types of learners
- Personalized guidance from experienced Educators
- Access to virtual tutoring
- Study Guides and Interactive Worksheets designed for optimal learning
- Sample schedules provided to help learners stay on track
- Notification Emails
- Easy to view dashboards
- Full time access to certificates and transcripts

#### Courses/Trainings Included in the CDA Program

- 1. Planning a Safe and Healthy Learning Environment
- 2. Advancing Children's Physical and Intellectual Development
- 3. Supporting Children's Social and Emotional Development
- 4. Building Productive Relationships with Families
- 5. Managing an Effective Program
- 6. Maintaining a Commitment to Professionalism
- 7. Observing and Recording Children's Behavior
- 8. Understanding Principles of Child Development and Learning
- 9. CDA Practice Exam
- 10. CDA Professional Portfolio Course and Review of Professional Portfolio by a certified PD Specialist and Educator



## **CDA Program Cost & Registration Information**

#### **CDA Program Cost**

- \$1400.00 for 120 hours of online training for all WY Quality Counts Scholarship Applicants (Cost with discounts is normally \$1500.00 for 120 hours of online training) (This training is normally \$1800.00 when the courses are purchased separately. Participants also receive the Professional Portfolio Course for free, a total savings of \$525. That is less than \$15.00 per hour of training!)
- Textbooks are priced at \$95 at the Council's website at cdacouncil.org

#### **Scholarships Available**

 WY Quality Counts Scholarship available for up to \$2,000 at <a href="https://wyqualitycounts.org/providers/scholarships-and-grants/">https://wyqualitycounts.org/providers/scholarships-and-grants/</a> (This scholarship provides funding for the full cost of the CDA Training, CDA Assessment Fee/Application, and Textbooks for those who qualify.)

#### **Payment Plans Available**

- For those who do not qualify for the WY Quality Counts Scholarship, payment plans are available
- Please contact us for payment plan information at 1-833-678-7474 Ext. 1 or email finance@misstrish.net

#### How to Register for the CDA Program

- 1. Contact us at 1-833-Ms-Trish (1-833-678-7474) Ext. 1 or email <a href="mailto:ppascucci@misstrish.net">ppascucci@misstrish.net</a> to notify our team that you are interested in registering for the CDA Program so we can answer any questions you may have and help you choose the finance/grant option best for you
- 2. Complete and submit the attached Registration Form & Information Sheet using the File Invite Link we will email to you.
- 3. For those applying for the WY Quality Counts Scholarship, upon notification of your approval/denial, you will be contacted by a member of our team to discuss the next steps to finalize your registration
- 4. You will then be sent your official CDA Program Welcome Guide, Optional Live Online Class Schedule, and Optional Live Virtual Tutoring Information Sheet, all important information to help you be as successful as possible within the CDA Program
- 5. Once you receive your CDA Program Welcome Guide, visit <a href="https://courses.misstrish.net/">https://courses.misstrish.net/</a> to register using the login information emailed to you

If you would like to register on your own without payment plan or scholarship assistance, no worries! Simply visit <a href="https://courses.misstrish.net/">https://courses.misstrish.net/</a> to pay with a credit card and get started now!



# Miss Trish's Also Offers CDA Renewal Training

If you have already earned your CDA & simply need to renew your CDA, Miss Trish's can assist you! Please review the information below.

#### **CDA Renewal Requirements**

- 45 Hours of Age Specific Training (Preschool or Infant/Toddler)
- Membership to a National or Local Early Childhood Professional Organization
- Minimum 80 Hours Working with Young Children
- Recommendation From ECE Reviewer
- First Aid and Infant and Child CPR Certification

#### **CDA Renewal Training Hours Cost**

- Cost varies depending on the courses chosen
- Please visit <a href="https://courses.misstrish.net/Catalog/V2/">https://courses.misstrish.net/Catalog/V2/</a> to choose the courses that best fit your training needs

#### **Scholarships Available**

 WY Quality Counts Scholarships are available for up to \$2,000 at https://wyqualitycounts.org/providers/scholarships-and-grants/

#### **Payment Plans Available**

- For those who do not qualify for the WY Quality Counts Scholarship, payment plans are available
- Please contact us for payment plan information at 1-833-678-7474 Ext. 4 or email finance@misstrish.net

How to Register for Your CDA Renewal Training Hours

To Register for Your CDA Renewal Training, Visit <a href="https://misstrish.net/">https://misstrish.net/</a>
& Select Earn Your CDA – Start Today!

For More Information on CDA Renewal Requirements, Please Visit:

https://www.cdacouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/CDA-Renewal-Guide final May2022.pdf



### **Pre-Qualifying Information & CDA Requirements**

#### Pre-Qualifying Information for Available WY Quality Counts Scholarships

To meet the criteria for the CDA Program and/or WY Quality Counts Scholarship requirements, please ensure you meet all of the requirements below. Payment Plans and discounts are available for those who do not meet the qualifications for the WY Quality Counts Scholarship.

#### **Qualifications for All WY Quality Counts Scholarships**

- 1. Be currently working at least 15 hours per week in a State of Wyoming-license child care program.
- 2. Have good standing with the educational institution and the WY Quality Counts Educational Development Program.
- 3. Sign a contractual agreement with the Department of Workforce Services.
- 4. Re-apply each semester for your degree scholarship
- 5. Upon completion of the program, recipients must continue to be employed in a Wyoming-license child care program for the hours in the table below. Employment periods may be prorated for individuals who have already completed coursework that can be applied to the approved education plan.

Program	Hours	Time Frame
CDA Certificate	500	Within 12 months

All WY Quality Counts Scholarship Information & Requirements Can Be Found At WYQualityCounts.org

For More Information on the WY Quality Counts Scholarships, Please Contact Denise at WY Quality Counts by Calling 307-777-2439 or Emailing <a href="mailto:denise.steele@wyo.gov">denise.steele@wyo.gov</a>

#### CDA Requirements Set by the Council for Professional Recognition

The requirements below have been set by the Council for Professional Recognition. In the CDA Program, you will receive guidance to meet each requirement and complete each step needed towards earning your CDA.

- You must have a high school diploma
- Any time before you apply: Complete 120 clock hours of professional education covering the eight CDA Subject Areas
- Within 3 years before you apply: Obtain 480 hours of experience working with young children
- Within 6 months before you apply: Prepare a CDA Professional Portfolio according to the requirements outlined in the CDA Competency Standards book
- Submit a completed CDA application with full payment or scholarship issued funds
- Take the CDA Exam at a local Pearson Vue test center
- Complete the CDA Verification Visit with the PD Specialist

Please visit <a href="https://www.cdacouncil.org/credentials/faqs/apply-for-cda-faqs">https://www.cdacouncil.org/credentials/faqs/apply-for-cda-faqs</a> for more information on the CDA credentialing process



# WY Quality Counts Scholarship Applicant Frequently Asked Questions

# Can I receive a scholarship to help fund my Master's Degree or Special Education Degree Program?

- No. Please refer to the list of applicable degrees in the College Degree Scholarships section.

#### What is the 45/110 day rule?

- The 45/110 rule means that a scholarship or grant application must be postmarked at least 45 days and not more than 110 days before the start date of training (which includes any necessary travel time). This is necessary for the application to be screened, reviewed for accuracy and eligibility and then written into a contract. The contract is then sent to the Attorney General's office, the participant and lastly to the Director of the Department of Workforce Services for final approval and execution. All signatures must be on the contract before training/ semester begins.

#### Can I fax my application?

- Yes. Scholarship and grant applications may be submitted via fax to 1-866-373-6061. However, if the fax is unreadable or illegible, you may be asked to re-submit the document via fax or standard mail. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the fax transmittal was successful. We highly encourage keeping copies of the fax documentation and the transmission report. You can also mail information to: DWS – WY Quality Counts, 614 South Greeley Hwy, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002.

# Why do I need to put my anticipated graduation date for my degree on my scholarship application?

- The mandatory employment hours start after you graduate with your designated degree. This is the purpose of your anticipated graduation date. This date is not set in stone. It can change as you continue taking course work towards your degree.

# If I plan on applying for a CDA, am I required to list a STARS approved contractor on my application?

- Yes, if the CDA program is not through Laramie County Community College or Sheridan College. WY Quality Counts CDA scholarship applicants are required to list a STARS

approved CDA contractor on their application. If an applicant applies to the Department of Workforce Services for a CDA program and does not list a STARS approved contractor, that application will be incomplete and will be denied. It is the applicant's responsibility to coordinate with the trainer(s) that will assist them during their CDA program.

#### What does continuous enrollment mean?

- Continuous Enrollment means enrollment in at least one (1) credit hour in each of two (2) semesters of a fall, spring, or summer semester within the course of a year based on enrollment date.

#### What if I can't get my advisor's signature?

- Most importantly, get your application submitted on time. The Department of Workforce Services/WY Quality Counts will accept documentation from the college or training entity that verifies your coursework meets the requirements of your educational plan. We will also accept contact information for your advisor. Simply include the email address of your advisor on the signature line. The program manager will email your advisor for course approval and use the return email from your advisor as the signature.

# What if I can't register for my college classes until after the application acceptance dates have passed?

- Complete the scholarship application with the class(es) you plan on registering for and submit the application on time. If you do not take that class, call or email WY Quality Counts with the class(es) you are taking for the semester. This can be changed on your application. If you do not notify WY Quality Counts! of the change in class(es), the college might not invoice for the class that is not listed on the approval notification.

#### Do I have to work 2,000 hours for every scholarship I received for my bachelor's degree?

- No. The 2,000 hours is the total number of hours you have to work after receiving your bachelor's degree for all the classes that WY Quality Counts funded during your schooling for the degree.

# If I apply for a scholarship or grant, should I pay allowable costs out of my own pocket and if so, will I receive a reimbursement?

- No. Applicants should never assume that funding is approved. Each application is screened individually. Applicants will always be notified in writing of application disapproval. If approved the applicant will receive a contract to be signed. If applicants decide to pay any allowable costs out of their own pockets, they do so of their own will unless notified in writing prior.

# Why am I required to complete and submit an official DWS training evaluation (survey) within 45 days of completion of each semester, coursework or training?

- The evaluation allows DWS to gauge whether the participant is receiving adequate services and whether the WYQC services/training/instructor were adequate during coursework. DWS wants to ensure we provide the highest quality of services and that your entire training experience was top-notch. The evaluation allows us to collect data related to such and is very short in length. It takes approximately 5–7 minutes to complete after

coursework completion.

#### Can I fax or scan and email my signed contract back?

- WY Quality Counts must have the original signed contract in the file. The signed contract can be faxed or scanned and emailed if it is close to the deadline, then the original must be mailed to WY Quality Counts.

# Do my employment hours count towards my mandatory employment hours while I am working on my CDA coursework or degree coursework?

- No. The hours for the mandatory employment hours in the contract start: after the degree is awarded to you for a college scholarship, or after you complete the CDA coursework for the CDA program

# When terminated from a program or grant training, why are approved participants required to repay all funding issued on their behalf within 30 days?

- Wyoming State statute requires a recipient of a grant or scholarship to immediately repay all funds provided to the recipient together with attorney fees and costs incurred in collection, if the recipient breaches the contract. The repayment shall be made, or a repayment contract shall be signed, within thirty (30) days of the date on which the scholarship participant receives notice of termination from the program from the Department of Workforce Services/WY Quality Counts.

For More Information on the WY Quality Counts Scholarships, Please Contact Denise at WY Quality Counts by Calling 307-777-2439 or Emailing denise.steele@wyo.gov



## **Wyoming STARS Registry Directions**

If you are interested in applying for an WY Quality Counts Scholarship, you will need to have/create a Wyoming STARS account. Please follow the directions below to create a Wyoming Stars account if you do not have one If you need assistance with this, please call Wyoming STARS at 307-772-9099

#### **How to Wyoming STARS Account**

- 1. Go to wyregistry.org
- 2. Click Register Now
- 3. Follow the Prompts



# **CDA Applicant Required Documents**

To Register & Submit Documents, Visit <a href="https://misstrish.net/">https://misstrish.net/</a>
& Select Earn Your CDA – Start Today!

#### Required Documents to be Submitted

All documents listed are required to successfully register for the CDA Program.

Visit https://misstrish.net/ & Select Earn Your CDA - Start Today!

After all documents have been received and reviewed, all CDA Program applicants will receive further directions to finalize registration.

Visit <a href="https://misstrish.net/">https://misstrish.net/</a> & Select Earn Your CDA – Start Today! to submit the required documents listed below.

- 1. Completed CDA Training Course Registration Form (Online)
- 2. Completed CDA Information Sheet (Online)



# **Start Earning Your CDA Today!**

# Please Follow the Steps Below to Register & Submit Your Required Documents

### Register & Submit Forms on Your Phone, Tablet, or Computer!

- 1. Visit <a href="https://misstrish.net/">https://misstrish.net/</a>
- 2. Click Earn Your CDA Start Today!
- 3. Complete the 1-minute questionnaire
- 4. Our Team will follow up with you shortly & email the File Invite registration link



- Email <u>ppascucci@misstrish.net</u> with your name, state, and that you would like more information on enrollment or to enroll in our upcoming CDA Course
- 2. Our Team will follow up with you shortly & email the **File Invite registration** link

Contact Us at 1-833-678-7474 or ppascucci@misstrish.net for assistance.