

# Preschool CDA<sup>®</sup> I Internship (2022)

## Foundational Standards

- 1 Incorporate safety procedures in handling, operating, and maintaining tools and machinery; handling materials; utilizing personal protective equipment; maintaining a safe work area; and handling hazardous materials and forces. [F.1](#)
- 2 Demonstrate effective workplace and employability skills, including communication, awareness of diversity, positive work ethic, problem-solving, time management, and teamwork. [F.2](#)
- 3 Explore the range of careers available in the field and investigate their educational requirements and demonstrate job-seeking skills including resume-writing and interviewing. [F.3](#)
- 4 Advocate and practice safe, legal, responsible, and ethical use of information and technology tools specific to the industry pathway. [F.4](#)
- 5 Participate in a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) to increase knowledge and skills and to enhance leadership and teamwork. [F.5](#)

## Safety

- 1 Summarize safety practices observed in the preschool internship setting. [1](#)
- 2 Develop a lesson plan to teach safety concepts to preschoolers. [2](#)
- 3 Generate a plan for maintaining a safe classroom and enforcing safety rules and standards. [3](#)

## Health

- 4 Observe and document practices for maintaining a healthy classroom environment. [4](#)
- 5 Design a five-day menu based on USDA guidelines for preschoolers' nutritional needs. [5](#)
- 6 Identify forms commonly used in the preschool setting to document illness, injuries, and specific health needs and describe the purpose of each. [6](#)
- 7 Create a professional competency statement that reflects a personal commitment to maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment. [7](#)

## Learning Environment

**8 Identify the elements of the internship classroom that meet the standards for a high-quality learning environment as defined by the Council for Professional Recognition and outlined in CDA® training materials. 8**

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**9 Select appropriate materials for a preschool setting. 9**

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**10 Design a preschool classroom space that meets the standards set by the Council for Professional Recognition, including space, furnishings, wall and floor materials, and safety equipment. 10**

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## Professionalism

**11 Summarize the steps of the CDA® credentialing process. 11**

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**12 Compare and contrast trends in early childhood education practices through the 20th and 21st centuries. 12**

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**13 Create and defend a personal educational philosophy that is supported by research. 13**