A. Identification:
1. Subject Area: Early Childhood Education
2. Course Number: ECE 260
3. Course Title: Child Development Associate (CDA) Assessment
4. Credit Hrs: 2  Lecture Hrs: 1  Lab Hrs: 2
5. Catalog Description: Candidates for the CDA Credential complete the application for the CDA and are observed working as lead teacher in a federally approved setting. Prerequisite: ECE 100, 110, 120, 200, 234, or 240 or approval of ECE department advisor. One lecture, Two lab.

B. Instructional Materials:
CDA Assessment Materials as provided by the Council for Professional Recognition.

C. Course Goals:
The student successfully demonstrates the course competencies from the prerequisite courses of ECE 100, 110, 120, 200, 234, and 240 in an approved setting as a lead teacher and completes the CDA Assessment Materials packet.

D. Assessment:
Completion of the CDA Assessment Materials packet.

E. Course Outcomes/Competencies:
Students will:
1. Demonstrate developmentally appropriate strategies and models for early childhood programs
2. Demonstrate developmentally appropriate curriculum
3. Demonstrate a healthy and safe learning environment for young children
4. Demonstrate an understanding of positive guidance that develops a framework for a prosocial learning environment
5. Demonstrate an understanding of the stages of early child development; recognizing both typical and atypical development, and encouraging a cultural understanding of child development
6. Demonstrate an objective perspective towards collaboration with families and the community

F. Course Content:
1. Strategies and models for early childhood programs
2. Early childhood curriculum
3. Healthy and safe learning environments for young children
4. Prosocial learning environments
5. Early child development
6. Cultural understanding of child development
7. Early childhood families and community relationships