



» **Course Overview**

The Early Childhood Education II course is designed to provide an overview of the professional expectations of being an early childhood educator. Throughout the course, students will learn about what it means to be a professional, including the significance of professional development in any educational role. They will review observational methods and the history of education in the United States, with a focus on early childhood and school-age programs. They will spend a significant portion of the course learning about the importance of Developmentally Appropriate Practice (“DAP”) and how to implement DAP strategies. Designing physical, social, and temporal environments will also be a major focus of the course, as will developing relationships with families and communities to strengthen their position and knowledge.

» **Course Preview Video:** <https://www.pointfuleducation.com/early-childhood-education-2>

» **Course Outline by Module**

Module 1	Professionalism Part I	Module 7	Language Use and Acquisition
Module 2	Professionalism Part II	Module 8	DAP for Programs Serving Children Birth Through Age 8
Module 3	Observation & Recording Methods	Module 9	Professional Relationship Skills
Module 4	The History of School-Age Childcare	Module 10	Brain Research and Communication Skills
Module 5	Developmentally Appropriate Care & Activities for Infants & Toddlers	Module 11	Preparing for the Child Development Associate Certification
Module 6	Schedules, Spaces, & Experiences that Enhance Children's Total Growth		

» **Instructional Components**

Pointful Education Courses are structured in a consistent, research-based format utilizing multiple pedagogical concepts such as Understanding by Design, Growth Mindset, and Video and Project-based learning. Through the use of these pedagogical concepts, Pointful Education maintains a consistent and engaging course structure that supports student-centered learning.

» **Certification**

This course prepares students for the Child Development Associate (CDA). Certification requires that students take both Early Childhood Education I and Early Childhood Education II. These courses prepare students for the pre-application phase of 120 hours of instruction in the core areas of focus. For more information on the application process, visit: <https://www.cdacouncil.org/credentials/apply-for-cda/cte-high-schools>

Course Structure



Instruction
40%



Projects
10%



Reflections
17%



Concept Checks
13%



Exams
11%



Written Assignments
10%