

# Early Childhood Endorsement I - Creativity Series



## Early Childhood Endorsement Program (ECEP)

To meet the need for a highly qualified early childhood workforce, the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) has established the Early Childhood Endorsement Program (ECEP). This program is designed to provide a comprehensive foundation of knowledge for working with children of specific ages (infants and toddlers or preschool). The ECEP is a collaboration between the VDSS, the Virginia Community College System (VCCS), and the Community College Workforce Alliance (CCWA).

## The VDSS Early Childhood Endorsement Program offers four endorsements:

1. Infant/Toddler Endorsement
2. Preschool Endorsement
3. Early Childhood Endorsement I – Creativity Series (ECEI)
4. Early Childhood Endorsement II – Health, Safety, Nutrition Series (ECEII)

## VDSS Early Childhood Endorsements can be valuable as:

- ✓ Entry-level credentials for employment in the field of early childhood
- ✓ Demonstration of foundation of knowledge working with infants and toddlers/preschool children
- ✓ Supplements to a child-related degree or credential that does not include instruction on infants and toddlers/preschool children
- ✓ Supplements to a degree or credential outside the field of early childhood

Successful completion of courses can also fulfill requirements for teaching licensure renewal, annual licensing, training for the **Child Development Associate (CDA)** credential, and professional development for those participating in Virginia Quality.

## Participants have two options by which to achieve an Early Childhood Endorsement I - Creativity Series:

### **OPTION 1 - VDSS SPONSORED COURSES**

The Early Childhood Endorsement I requires completion of the following 13 classroom-based or online courses. The courses can be taken in any sequence.

- ❖ Creative Junk for Fun and Learning
- ❖ Facilitating Brain Development in Young Children
- ❖ Incorporating Creativity into Early Childhood Curricula
- ❖ Movin' and Groovin': Using Movement to Help Young Children Learn
- ❖ Music in the Early Childhood Classroom
- ❖ Observing and Recording the Creative Process in Young Children
- ❖ Pinch, Pull, Twist, and Turn – Small Motor Development in Early Childhood
- ❖ Promoting Creativity and Including All Children
- ❖ Roles of Imagination, Play and Dramatic Play in Early Childhood
- ❖ Storytelling in the Early Childhood Curriculum
- ❖ Three-Dimensional Creative Activities for Young Children
- ❖ Two-Dimensional Creative Activities for Young Children
- ❖ Why is Creativity Important?

### **To achieve the Early Childhood I - Creativity Series Endorsement:**

1. **Register** to take component courses (see list above)  
To register go to: [www.ccwa.vccs.edu](http://www.ccwa.vccs.edu) (click on VDSS Child Care Training) or contact the Community College Workforce Alliance at (804) 523-2298 or [VDSSclasses@ccwa.vccs.edu](mailto:VDSSclasses@ccwa.vccs.edu).
2. **Complete** all required courses
3. **Complete** course assessments within 4 to 6 weeks of completing the online course
  - Part I is online, through CCWA, and is multiple choice/true-false. Participants must receive a **passing score of 70% or higher on all courses.**
  - Part II is an independent study demonstrating application of content in a classroom setting
4. **Submit** the following materials to CCAVA:
  - ✓ Letter grade for Part I (a print out of your score, that includes your name clearly stated)
  - ✓ Completed written assessment for Part II (for grading)
  - ✓ Early Childhood Endorsement I - Creativity Series Application Form
  - ✓ \$10.00 processing fee for **each** course submitted for grading, **check or money order payable to CCAVA, or through [PAYPAL](#)**. Fees due with forms and assessment materials.

### **Make a copy of ALL materials for your own records BEFORE submitting to CCAVA**

- ✓ **Mail all materials to:**  
**CCAVA - Endorsement Program**  
**302 Turner Road, Suite D**  
**Richmond, VA 23225**

For additional information, contact Jodi Roberts at 804.285.0846, or email [jodir@va.childcareaware.org](mailto:jodir@va.childcareaware.org).

## **OPTION 2 - COLLEGE CREDIT COURSE**

Upon successful completion of CHD 145, Teaching Art, Music and Movement to Children, individuals become eligible for the VDSS Early Childhood Endorsement I - Creativity Series.

### **To achieve the Early Childhood Endorsement I:**

1. **Complete** CHD 145, Teaching Art, Music and Movement to Children. You must receive a passing grade to qualify for the endorsement.
2. **Complete** Early Childhood Endorsement I - Creativity Series Application Form
3. **Submit materials to CCAVA:**
  - ✓ Early Childhood Endorsement I - Creativity Series Application Form
  - ✓ A copy of your college transcript indicating completion of the course or a Letter of Completion from your instructor.
  - ✓ \$10.00 processing fee, **check or money order payable to CCAVA, or through [PAYPAL](#)**

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Please type or print clearly

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ City State Zip Code  
Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Personal E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Address \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip Code

Choose option 1 or 2, and then complete the information in the payment box.

**OPTION 1: VDSS Sponsored Courses (Indicate courses completed; check all that apply.)**  
There is a \$10.00 processing fee for EACH completed course.

- Creative Junk for Fun and Learning
- Facilitating Brain Development in Young Children
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- Movin' and Groovin': Using Movement to Help Young Children Learn
- Music in the Early Childhood Classroom
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**OPTION 2: Completion of College Course - CHD 145, Teaching Art, Music and Movement to Children**

CHD 145, Teaching Art, Music and Movement to Children

Please indicate which materials are included (check all that apply) and mail with application to:

\$10.00 processing fee for EACH completed course (check or money order): **payable to CCAVA OR**  
**\$10.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ (# of courses) = \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed**

**PAYPAL OPTION:** I have submitted payment through PAYPAL (va.childcareaware.org/endorsement-program/)

Completed assignments and printout of letter grade for all courses checked above (**OPTION 1**)

College Transcript or letter from instructor indicating completion of CHD 145 (**OPTION 2**)

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