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North Ed Extends Accelerated Program for Child Care Certification with NMC, MAEYC

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. – In response to the region’s early child care workforce needs, Northwest Education Services (North Ed) is again offering support to those interested in pursuing child care certifications through an accelerated three-week program.

North Ed has partnered with Northwestern Michigan College (NMC) and the Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children, with support from Caring for MI Future, to assist individuals interested in pursuing their Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential. Costs to attend the accelerated program may be mostly or fully covered through a T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood ® Michigan scholarship. In addition to obtaining a CDA credential through the program, participants earn credits through NMC that apply toward an Early Childhood Associate Degree.

The program runs July 17 to Aug. 8, with classes taking place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Anyone with questions or who might be interested in enrolling in the accelerated CDA course may contact Allison Hayes at ahayes@NorthwestEd.org or 231.922.6437. Applicants must enroll by July 10.

“By removing financial barriers and providing a clear path to certification and college credits, we can strengthen our local workforce and ensure that more children and families will have access to the high-quality early learning experiences they deserve,” said Yvonne Donohoe, Early Childhood director for Northwest Education Services. “We are excited to see this program continue and we hope to continue building upon the success over the past several years.”

The accelerated course was first offered in 2022, when 14 people received their CDA credential. In 2023, 16 people participated in the course, while 18 people took it in 2024.

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