

ECE Credential Framework

ECE Levels	General Education Requirements	Education and Training in Early Care & Education	Work and Practical Experience in Early Care & Education	Professional Contributions in Early Care & Education
Level 6	In Development			
Level 5	Bachelor's Degree	30 points* in the ECE Content Areas <i>(of level 5 benchmarks)</i> – of which a maximum of 6 points may be from approved training	Minimum of 200 hours of ECE supervised experience or 1200 hours of documented ECE work experience	Four professional contributions in three different areas within the last five years – one contribution must be in the area of program improvement.
Level 4	Associate Degree or 60+ semester hours (including the nine semester hours listed at level 3)	24 points* in the ECE Content Areas <i>(of level 2-4 benchmarks)</i> – of which a maximum of 3 points may be from approved training <i>(must include 20 clock hours of ECE observation)</i>	100 total hours of ECE supervised experience or 600 hours of documented ECE work experience	Two professional contributions in two different areas within the last five years – one contribution must be in the area of program improvement.
Level 3	Three semester hours: Math Three semester hours: English Three semester hours: General Education elective (Psychology, Sociology, etc) <i>(These 9 credits must be transferable)</i>	18 points* in the ECE Content Areas <i>(of level 2-4 benchmarks)</i> – of which a maximum of 3 points may be from approved training <i>(must include 20 clock hours of ECE observation)</i>	10 hours of ECE supervised experience or 400 hours of documented ECE work experience	One professional contribution in any area within the last five years
Level 2	None	12 points in the ECE Content Areas <i>(of level 2-4 benchmarks)</i> – 3 points in Human Growth and Development, 3 points in Health Safety and Well-Being, and 6 points from ECE electives or 6 points in ECE electives and a CDA/CCP. 3 points may be from approved training	10 hours of ECE observation or 200 hours of documented ECE work experience	None
Level 1	Level 1 ECE Credential is awarded through completion of a 48 clock hour training available through local Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies statewide			

Guide:

A point is equivalent to one semester hour of college credit,

*ECE course work must equate to a minimum of 1 point in each of the seven ECE content areas.

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