

Infant Toddler Credential Framework

Infant Toddler Credential Levels	Education and Training in Infants & Toddlers	Work and Practical Experience in Infants & Toddlers
Level 6	In Development	
Level 5	12 points in Infant and Toddler education and approved training, of which a minimum of 6 points must be from college course work	100 hours of supervised experience in Infants and Toddlers or 1800 hours of documented IT work experience

Level 4	6 points in Infant and Toddler education and approved training, of which a minimum of 3 points must be from college course work	50 hours of supervised experience in Infants and Toddlers or 900 hours of documented IT work experience
Level 3	6 points in Infant and Toddler education and approved training, of which a minimum of 3 points must be from college course work	10 hours of supervised experience in Infants and Toddlers or 450 hours of documented IT work experience
Level 2	3 points in Infant and Toddler education and approved training, of which all 3 points may come from approved training	5 hours of supervised experience in Infants and Toddlers or 200 hours of documented IT work experience

Must meet ECE Credential requirements as the foundation of the Infant Toddler Credential.

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

Guide:

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

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