

Pennsylvania's Early Childhood Education Career Pathway Levels and Qualifying Achievements

<p>Entry Level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High School Diploma or GED • Documentation to verify high school enrollment • Documentation to verify DHS certification aide status 	<p>Level A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holds a current CDA certificate from the Council for Professional Recognition • Current School Age Credential • 9 Early Childhood Education (ECE) credits 	<p>Level B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECE focused ASB or AST • AA/AS in ECE • AA/AS/BA/BS in related field with 18 ECE credits • AA/AS/BA/BS in an unrelated field with 30 ECE credits • Elementary Ed Degree with 12 ECE credits 	<p>Level C</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BA/BS in ECE • BA/BS related field with 30 ECE credits • Elementary Ed with 18 ECE credits • Any field with Prek-4 Certification 	<p>Level D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master's in ECE <p>Meets Level C AND:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieved a Master's Degree in a related field, • Master's Degree in Elementary Education with 18 ECE credits • Master's Degree in
<p>Rising Level A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verified Child Development Associate (CDA) ready Career and Technology (CTE) graduate OR Enrolled CDA coursework • Enrolled School-Age Professional Credential (SAPC) • Enrolled in an OCDEL-Approved Certificate or Credential • Enrolled ECE Program OR 6 Early Childhood Credits (ECE) credits 	<p>Level A Plus</p> <p>Meets Level A and has completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 or more ECE credits towards an AA/AAS degree in ECE <p>OR is a Level A AND currently has a one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director's Credential • Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health Endorsement^{®*} • Infant Toddler Credential • Apprenticeship Completion Certificate 	<p>Level B Plus</p> <p>Meets Level B AND has completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 or more ECE credits towards a BA/BS degree in ECE <p>OR currently has one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director's Credential • Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health Endorsement^{®*} • Infant Toddler Credential • Current School Age Credential • Apprenticeship Completion Certificate 	<p>Level C Plus</p> <p>Meets Level C AND has completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 or more ECE credits towards a master's degree in ECE <p>OR currently has one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director's Credential • Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health Endorsement^{®*} • Infant Toddler Credential • Current School Age Credential • Apprenticeship Completion Certificate 	<p>Level E</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ph. D/Ed. D in an ECE related area • Doctorate in related field and meets Level C or Level D

NOTE: All verified credits must be from a regionally accredited institution.

*Visit pa-aimh.org for more information on Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health Endorsement[®].



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