
 *Smart Money Bonuses may be available for individuals who earn credentials.*

Credentials document successful completion of a specific body of content knowledge.

The Center for Child Care Career Development awards three levels of credentials as a way to promote career development for those who educate and care for children in our state. Individuals may enroll at their local technical/community college to take the coursework.

To Receive a Credential:

- Submit a copy of your grade report for the required class or classes to the Center for Child Care Career Development.
- Submit an Employment Verification form found under Credentials on the website: www.sc-ccccd.net to the Center for Child Care Career Development. You do not have to work in child care to receive a credential.

 *T.E.A.C.H. Scholarships may be available for individuals currently working in child care. For more information contact a T.E.A.C.H. counselor at 864-250-8581 or online at www.sc-ccccd.net.*

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Smart Money Bonuses

If you earned a Credential, and meet the following criteria, you will be eligible for a Smart Money Bonus as long as funds are available:

- **18 years or older and a SC resident, and**
- **Currently work in a state regulated child care program in SC**

LEVEL 1

Early Childhood Credential	\$200
School Age Credential	\$200

LEVEL 2

Infant/Toddler Credential	\$300
Preschool Credential	\$300
Director Credential	\$300
Special Needs Credential	\$300
Family Child Care Credential	\$300

LEVEL 3

Infant/Toddler Credential	\$500
Preschool Credential	\$500
Director Credential	\$500
Special Needs Credential	\$500
Family Child Care Credential	\$500

South Carolina Early Care and Education **Credentialing System**



LEVEL 1 CREDENTIALS

SC Early Childhood Credential

This credential is awarded for successful completion of the 3-credit hour introductory course, Early Childhood Development 101, (ECD 101), at one of the 16 technical/community colleges in South Carolina. This specially designed course serves as the foundation for Level 2 and Level 3 Credentials.

REQUIREMENT

ECD 101 Introduction to Early Childhood

If you have completed ECD 101 (in 2001 or later) with a grade of “C” or higher, you are eligible to receive the SC Early Childhood Credential and pin.

School Age Credential

This credential is awarded for successful completion of the 3-credit hour introductory course in out-of-school time care at one of the 16 technical/community colleges in the state.

REQUIREMENT

SAC 101 Best Practices in School Age and Youth Care Skills

If you have completed SAC 101 with a grade of “C” or higher, you are eligible to receive the SC School Age Credential and pin.

LEVEL 2 CREDENTIALS

After earning the SC Early Childhood Credential, students may choose a specialization in one of 5 areas to earn a Level 2 Credential by successfully completing the three 3-credit hour courses in their chosen area.

Infant Toddler Credential 2

Students must successfully complete the following three 3-credit hour courses at one of the 16 technical/community colleges.

- ECD 102** Child Development I
- ECD 200** Curriculum Issues in Infant/Toddler Care
- ECD 205** Socialization and Group Care of Infants and Toddlers

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Preschool Credential 2

Students must successfully complete the following three 3-credit hour courses at one of the 16 technical/community colleges.

- ECD 102** Child Development I
- ECD 105** Guidance and Classroom Management
- ECD 107** Exceptional Children

Director Credential 2

Students must successfully complete the following three 3-credit hour courses at one of the 16 technical/community colleges.

- ECD 105** Guidance and Classroom Management
- ECD 108** Family and Community Relations
- ECD 109** Administration and Supervision

Special Needs Credential 2

Students must successfully complete the following three 3-credit hour courses at one of the 16 technical/community colleges.

- ECD 102** Child Development I
- ECD 107** Exceptional Children
- ECD 210** Early Childhood Intervention
(**ECD 132** may be substituted)

Family Child Care Credential 2

Students must successfully complete the following three 3-credit hour courses at one of the 16 technical/community colleges.

- ECD 102** Child Development I
- ECD 135** Health, Safety, and Nutrition
- ECD 205** Socialization and Group Care of Infants/Toddlers

LEVEL 3 CREDENTIALS

After earning the SC Early Childhood Credential, and Level 2 Credential in one of the 5 specializations, students may choose to continue their specialization by successfully completing the three 3-credit hour courses to earn their Level 3 Credential.

Infant Toddler Credential 3

Students must successfully complete the following three 3-credit hour courses at one of the 16 technical/community colleges.

- ECD 131** Language Arts
- ECD 207** Inclusive Care for Infants/Toddlers
- ECD 251** Supervised Field Experience with Infants/Toddlers or **ECD 243** with documentation of IT placement

Preschool Credential 3

Students must successfully complete the following three 3-credit hour courses at one of the 16 technical/community colleges.

- ECD 131** Language Arts
- ECD 132** Creative Expressions or
ECD 133 Science and Math
- ECD 203** Child Development II

Director Credential 3

Students must successfully complete the following three 3-credit hour courses at one of the 16 technical/community colleges.

- ECD 135** Health, Safety, and Nutrition
- ECD 201** Principles of Ethics and Leadership
- MGT 121** Small Business Management or **MGT 120 /MGT 101**

Special Needs Credential 3

Students must successfully complete the following three 3-credit hour courses at one of the 16 technical/community colleges.

- ECD 203** Child Development II
- ECD 207** Inclusive Care of Infants/Toddlers
- ECD 260** Methods of Teaching Special Needs or **ECD 259** Behavior Management

Family Child Care Credential 3

Students must successfully complete the following three 3-credit hour courses at one of the 16 technical/community colleges.

- ECD 108** Family and Community Relations
- ECD 131** Language Arts
- MGT 121** Small Business Management or **MGT 120/MGT 101**

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