



FRAMEWORK FOR EARLY CARE & EDUCATION PRACTITIONERS

EDUCATION LEVEL	TRAINING IN ASK CORE AREA			WORK EXPERIENCE	LEVEL
	COLLEGE CREDITS	APPROVED TRAINING			
Master's/Advanced Degree	45 credits	or	675 hours	Practicum or Field Training (6,000 hours in 48 months)	6.3
	30 credits	or	450 hours		6.2
	21 credits	or	315 hours		6.1
Bachelor's/Advanced Degree	30 credits	or	450 hours	Practicum or Field Training (4,000 hours in 36 months)	5.3
	21 credits	or	315 hours		5.2
	12 credits	or	180 hours		5.1
Associate Degree or 60 credits in a degree program	30 credits	or	450 hours	Practicum or Field Training (4,000 hours in 36 months)	4.3
	21 credits	or	315 hours		4.2
	12 credits	or	180 hours		4.1
High School Diploma/GED	30 credits	or	450 hours	Field Training (2000 hours in 24 months)	3.3
	21 credits	or	315 hours		3.2*
	12 credits	or	180 hours		3.1
CDA or NAFCC Credential	12 credits	or	180 hours	9 months full-time OR 2 years part-time (1500 hours in 24 months)	2.3
	9 credits	or	135 hours		2.2
	8 credits	or	120 hours		2.1
High School Diploma/GED	9 credits	or	135 hours	9 months full-time OR 2 years part-time (1500 hours in 24 months)	1.4
	6 credits	or	90 hours		1.3
	3 credits	or	45 hours		1.2
Completes an approved orientation training & have a certification in infant/child first aid, as stated in the additional requirements				No experience required	1.1
Meets licensing requirements for job role					Entry

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Must be certified in infant/child first aid, including rescue breathing and first aid for choking, except at the entry level and those not in settings with children.

MAINTAINING

- 15 hours approved training per year OR 45 hours approved training or 3 credits over 3 years and
- Starting at Level 2.3 you must accumulate 5 Voluntary Professional Development Units every 3 years in at least two arenas.

NOTES:

- Level 2 is designed specific to the requirements of the Child Development Associate (CDA)
- Level 2.1 considers those CDA candidates that have completed the formal training portion and are finishing the other requirements.

* Level 3.2 is the equivalent to the requirements of a Montessori Associate Credential (MAC)