

Early Childhood Preschool Credential

PORTFOLIO OPTION

To receive the Preschool Credential through Portfolio, applicants must fulfill the educational requirement as well as demonstrate competency through a portfolio review. To receive portfolio guidelines, please submit the credential application with your coursework to be reviewed. For more information on the Credential Application visit the Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood's Early Childhood Credentials Webpage and go to the Credential Application link.

1. High School Diploma- Include copy of high school diploma or transcript from higher education institution

AND

2. Educational Requirement:

3 Credits of Higher Education (approved courses listed below)

HDFS340: Early Child Curriculum II, 3 credits, University of Delaware
HDFS350: Technology and Assistive Technology in Early Childhood Education, 3 credits, University of Delaware
HDFS412: Inclusive Curriculum: Preschool – Kindergarten, 3 credits, University of Delaware
HDFS452: Assessment of Children, 3 credits, University of Delaware
HDFS639: Curriculum Methods and Assessment, 3 credits, University of Delaware
HDFS647: Family Partnerships in Early Childhood Care and Education, 3 credits, University of Delaware
HDFS662: Curriculum Analysis in Early Childhood, 3 credits, University of Delaware
ED561: Analysis, Innovation, and Evaluation of Early Childhood Curriculum, 3 credits, Widener University
ED5200: Foundations of Early Childhood, 3 credits, Widener University
ECE123: Early Childhood Methods I & Lab, 5 credits, Delaware Technical Community College
ECE125: Early Childhood Methods II & Lab, 5 credits, Delaware Technical Community College
ECE226: Assessment of Young Children, 3 credits, Delaware Technical Community College
ECE120: Contemporary Issues in Early Childhood, 3 credits, Delaware Technical Community College
ECE127: Childhood Classroom Management, 3 credits, Delaware Technical Community College
ECE203: Integrated Methods: Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, & Math, 3 credits, Wilmington University
EDUC337: Curriculum Integration in ECE and Practicum II, 4 credits, Delaware State University
EDUC338: Curriculum Integration in ECE and Practicum III, 4 credits, Delaware State University
EDU132: Early Childhood Curriculum and Methods, 3 credits, Cecil County Community College
EDU203: Early Childhood Curriculum and Methods – Field Experience, 1 credit, Cecil County Community College

*Other approved equivalences may be accepted if identified. Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood recommends that the education requirement be successfully completed no longer than ten (10) years prior to applying for the credential.

OR

Completion of Quality Assured Professional Development:

- Training for Early Care and Education 2 (TECE 2)
- Child Assessment for Administrators: Polishing the Lens (6 hours) **or** Child Assessment for Teachers: The Power of Practice (6 hours)
- Implementing Teaching Strategies Gold (6 hours) **or** Advanced Assessment (6 hours)
- Developmentally Appropriate Practice (12 hours)

Note: *If you have taken the former Child Assessment (12 hours) before 8/1/14, these hours will still count for this credential.*

AND

3. Completion of the Preschool Portfolio: *To receive the Preschool Credential through Portfolio, applicants must fulfill the educational requirement as well as demonstrate competency through a portfolio review. To receive portfolio guidelines, please submit the credential application with your coursework to be reviewed. For more information on the Credential Application visit the Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood's Early Childhood Credentials Webpage and go to the Credential Application link.*