Florida Early Learning and Afterschool Career Pathway
Certificates, Credentials, and Degrees

Specializations are reflected on the educator’s registry record and can be added to any of the designations (ECE, ASE, I, II, III).

Articulating credentials to college credits is subject to institutional review but may occur at any level along the pathway.

ECE I/ASE I (formerly Tier 1)

**Foundation**

**Complete one of these:**

- **Child Care Facility**
  (DCF Part I and II) courses and 5 clock hours of approved Early Literacy and Language Development or Emergent Literacy for VPK Instructors

- **Family Child Care Homes**
  (DCF Family Child Care Home Training and 5 clock hours of approved Early Literacy and Language Development or Emergent Literacy for VPK Instructors)

- **School-Age**
  (DCF Part I and II courses)

- **Introductory Child Care Training**
  (DEL Approved)

**Attain Florida Staff Credential by completing one of the following:**

- National Early Childhood Credential (includes National Child Development Associate – CDA)

- Formal Educational Qualification

- Birth through Five Child Care Credential (FCCPC, ECPC or CACC)

- School-Age Child Care Credential (FCCPC or SAPC)

ECE II/ASE II (formerly Tier 4)

**Achieve:**

- Associate degree or higher in field* or
- Associate degree with at least 21 Early Childhood Education/Child Development, Early Education or Youth Development credits from US Department of Education accredited institutions.

ECE III/ASE III (formerly Tier 5)

**Achieve:**

- Bachelor’s degree or higher in field* or
- Bachelor’s degree with at least 36 Early Childhood Education/Child Development, Family and Child Sciences, Elementary Education or Youth Development credits from US Department of Education accredited institutions.

**Core Training Requirements**

- Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards approved training
- Florida Core Competencies for Early Childhood Educators approved training
- Trauma Informed Care for Child Care Professionals (TICC) Training

*Degrees/coursework in areas outlined for DCF Florida Staff Credential will be considered in field.

**Designations**

ECE = Early Childhood Educator
ASE = Afterschool Educator