

## Florida Staff Credential Information

### INITIAL

Florida [Staff Credential](#) can be met by **ONE** of the following:

1. An active [National Early Childhood Credential \(NECC\)](#).
  - a. Child Development Associate (CDA)
  - b. National Child Care Association
  - c. Association Montessori Internationale (AMI)
  - d. American Montessori Society (AMS)
  - e. Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education
  
2. [Formal Educational Qualifications](#)
  - a. BA, BS, or advanced degree in **ONE** of the following areas:
    - i. Early Childhood Education/Child Development
    - ii. Pre-Kindergarten or Primary Education
    - iii. Preschool Education
    - iv. Family and Consumer Sciences (formerly Home Economics/Child Development)
    - v. Exceptional Student Education
    - vi. Special Education
    - vii. Mental Disabilities
    - viii. Specific Learning Disabilities
    - ix. Physically Impaired
    - x. Varying Exceptionalities
    - xi. Emotional Disabilities
    - xii. Visually Impaired
    - xiii. Hearing Impaired
    - xiv. Speech-Language Pathology
    - xv. Elementary Education with certification to teach any age birth through 6th grade (certification may be inactive provided the certificate is not suspended/revoked).
  - b. A.S, A.A. degree or higher in Early Childhood Education/Child Development
  - c. Associate's degree or higher in **WITH** at least six (6) college credit hours in early childhood education/child development **AND** at least 480 hours of experience in a child care setting serving children ages birth through eight (8)
  
3. An active [Birth Through Five Child Care Credential](#), which can be met by **ONE** of the following:
  - a. Florida Child Care Professional Certificate (FCCPC)
  - b. Florida Department of Education Child Care Apprenticeship Certificate (CCAC)
  - c. Early Childhood Professional Certificate (ECPC)

4. An active [School-Age Child Care Credential](#), which can be met by **ONE** of the following:
  - a. Florida Child Care Professional Credential (FCCPC)
  - b. School-Age Professional Certificate (SAPC)

NOTE: A School-Age FCCPC will not be accepted to meet the minimum staff credential requirements for Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK))

## **RENEWAL**

**Florida [Staff Credential](#) Renewal can be met by ONE of the following:**

1. National Early Childhood Credentials:

- a. As an Birth Through Five (FCCPC) by submitting the [Florida Child Care Staff Credential Verification Application](#), CF-FSP Form 5211, October 2017, with renewal requirements attached;
- b. By the organization that issued the original credential.

OR

2. Birth Through Five and School-Age Child Care Credentials the [Florida Child Care Staff Credential Verification Application](#), CF-FSP Form 5211, October 2017 outlines the renewal requirements.