

Child Care Staff Certification

Overview of certification changes effective April 2, 2018

The educational equivalencies and language proficiency requirements for child care staff certification are changing.

Education recognized for certification

| Child Development Assistant | Child Development Worker | Child Development Supervisor |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 45-hour (3 credit) college-level course in early learning and child care • Child Care Orientation Course (Alberta government sponsored course) • CCS 3110-3150 offered through Career and Technology Studies at Alberta high schools • The Step Ahead Family Day Home Training or Family Child Care Training Program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Learning and Child Care Certificate • Disability Studies diploma • Educational Assistant diploma • Bachelor of Science in Human Ecology - family ecology major • Bachelor of Kinesiology (B.Kin.) or Kinesiology diploma • Community Rehabilitation degree or Rehabilitation Assistant diploma • Therapeutic Recreation diploma or degree • Social Work diploma | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Learning and Child Care Diploma • Alberta Teaching Certificate • Bachelor of Child Studies degree • Bachelor of Education: 4-year degree or 2-year after-degree • Child and Youth Care degree or diploma • Bachelor of Social Work degree |
| <p><u>Type of Educational Credential</u> Certificate: 1-year post-secondary credential Diploma: 2-year post-secondary credential Bachelor degree: 4-year post-secondary credential</p> | | |

Language proficiency requirements

Individuals who are applying for certification as a child development worker or child development supervisor are required to complete a language proficiency assessment unless they completed their post-secondary education in one of the following countries: Australia; Bahamas; Barbados; Belize; British Virgin Islands; Canada; Cayman Islands; Dominica; Gibraltar; Grenada; Guyana; Ireland; Jamaica; New Zealand; St. Kitts and Nevis; St. Lucia; Trinidad and Tobago; United Kingdom; and United States of America.

Accepted language assessments are CELPIP general assessment at level 7 or IELTS general assessment score of 6 in all areas (reading, writing, listening and speaking).

Further information can be found online at childrensservices.alberta.ca and searching for "child care certification."