

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
<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 BA.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."