

New Professional Development Credential Opportunities

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The Division of Child Care is excited to announce two new early care and education credentials! DCC has created and passed regulation to support early care and education professionals working specifically with **Infant and Toddler** and **School Aged children** through the development of state recognized credentials. These credentials are **optional** opportunities, like the Commonwealth Child Care Credential and the Director's Credential, for professionals to target and display their knowledge, skills, and abilities around the specific needs of these two age groups.

Regulations for the Infant and Toddler

Credential: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/kar/titles/922/002/245/>

Regulations for the School Aged Youth Development

Credential: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/kar/titles/922/002/255/>

How it will work:

- The Kentucky Division of Child Care Infant and Toddler and School Aged Youth Development Credentials are each three levels. Each level requires a different amount of education and training or work experience.
- Approved coursework, instruction or education will be identified by the ECE-TRIS training type that corresponds with the course/training.
- Training and education must be exclusive to Infants and Toddlers, or School Aged Youth Development topics to count for the credential.

If you have an existing CDA or higher education degree, you may be eligible! Please see attached document titled Introduction to Credentials for more information and specific requirements for each credential!

We've also included a document titled Comparing Digital Badging and Credentials to help answer questions about how the two are different.

If you have any questions, we are happy to help. Please email us at DCCPDStaff@ky.gov.