

Early Childhood Education (A55220)

Accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Craven Community College's Early Childhood Education program provides students the basics in early childhood foundations (leading to the North Carolina Division of Child Development Early Childhood Credential) as well as opportunities to study child growth and development; children's physical/nutritional needs; the care and guidance of children; and communication skills with parents and children. The program combines learning theories with practice in actual settings with young children under the supervision of qualified teachers. Students will foster the cognitive/language, physical/motor, and social/emotional and creative development of young children.

Associate degree graduates are prepared to plan and implement developmentally appropriate programs in early childhood settings. Successful graduates of this program may find employment opportunities in the following areas:

- Child development and childcare programs
- Preschools
- Public and private schools (as teacher associates)
- Recreational centers
- Head Start programs
- School-age programs

Graduates qualify to apply for the North Carolina Division of Child Development and Early Education (NCDCEE) Childhood Credential, School-Age Child Care Credential, and the Childcare Administrator Credential. To apply for your NC Early Childhood Credential, School-Age Child Care Credential and/or the Childcare Administrator Credential, please visit http://ncchildcare.nc.gov/general/mb_dcdeeworks.asp

Craven's Early Childhood Education associates program also provides the foundational knowledge necessary for graduates to earn certifications from national professional associations. These include:

Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential™. The Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential™ is a widely recognized credential in early childhood education administered by the Council for Professional Recognition. The CDA credential guides early childcare professionals as they work toward becoming qualified teachers of young children. Obtaining a CDA is an important accomplishment and one that develops well informed practitioners knowledgeable in child development and best practices for teaching young children. It is oftentimes required by employers of preschool teachers or teacher assistants. For information about the requirements for a CDA credential please visit <https://www.cdacouncil.org/>.

Child Care Professional (CCP) Credential – The Child Care Professional (CCP) credential, which is offered through the National Early Childhood Program Accreditation, is designed specifically for early childhood educators and teachers. It is especially valuable for teachers who have not completed a college degree or whose degree is in another field. For more information about earning a CCP Credential, please visit <https://necpa.net/>.

It remains unclear whether Craven's Early Childhood Education program meets the pre-licensure requirements of other states, and while reciprocity among states has been a topic of discussion for some time, no such action has been taken. That said, it appears that the national certifications discussed above (CDA & CCP) are among the certifications required by the majority of states for those employed in federally

funded early childhood programs, such as Head Start and Child Care Subsidy Programs funded by Child Care Development Block Grants.

If you are considering moving to/gaining licensure in another state, please visit the National Database of Child Care Licensing Regulations, developed by the National Center on Early Childhood Quality Assurance, an organization funded by the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, at <https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/licensing>.

For more information about educational requirements and resources, please visit

<https://earlyeducatorcentral.acf.hhs.gov/>;

<https://earlyeducatorcentral.acf.hhs.gov/courses/institute-advancement-family-support-professionals>

<https://earlyeducatorcentral.acf.hhs.gov/articulation-agreements>

State Contacts of Early Childhood Education Professionals

Alabama

Department of Education
Child Care Services Division
50 North Ripley Street
PO Box 302101
Montgomery, AL 36130
(334) 242-1425; 866-528-1694

<https://dhr.alabama.gov/child-care/licensing-overview>

Licensing Regulations: <https://dhr.alabama.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Sr-No-Highlighted-Home-Standards-10-3-19.pdf>

Alaska

Dept. of Health and Social Services
Division of Public Assistance
Child Care Program Office
3601 C Street, Suite 140
Anchorage, AK 99524
(907) 269-4500

<http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/ccare/default.asp>

Licensing Regulations: <https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/public/akfacilitiesmay2016.pdf>;
<https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/public/akliccertapprovjune2017.pdf>

Arizona

Department of Health Services
150 N. 18th Avenue
Suite #400
Phoenix, AZ - 85007-3224
(602) 364-3224

<http://www.azdhs.gov/licensing/childcare-facilities/index.php>

Licensing Regulations: <https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/public/azcentersept2010.pdf>
<https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/licensing/regulation/arizona-administrative-rules-and-arizona-revised-statutes-child-care-facilities>

Arkansas

Department of Human Services
Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education
P.O. Box 1437,
Slot S140,
Little Rock, AR - 72203-1437
(501) 682-8590

<https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/about-dhs/dccece/child-care-licensing>

Licensing Regulations: <https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/public/arcenterjan2020508.pdf>;
<https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/public/arfchjan2020508.pdf>;
<https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/public/arsacjan2020508.pdf>

California

Department of Social Services
Community Care Licensing Division, Child Care Program Office
744 P Street
M.S. 19-48
Sacramento, CA 95814
(800) 952-5253

<http://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/Child-Care-Licensing>

Licensing Regulations:

<https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/public/cacentergenlicjune2019508.pdf>;
<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/Portals/9/CCLD/CCP%20Documents/Child%20Care%20Center%20Provider%20Requirements%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf?ver=2019-05-30-165154-250>

Colorado

Department of Human Services
Child Care Licensing and Administration
Division of Early Care and Learning, CDHS
1575 Sherman Street, 1st Floor
Denver, CO 80203
303-866-4091

<http://coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.force.com/oec>
cdhs_oec_ectq@state.co.us

Licensing Regulations:

http://coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.force.com/oec/OEC_Providers?p=Providers&s=Rules-and-Regulations&lang=en; [View licensing training requirements.](#)

Connecticut

Office of Early Childhood
450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 302
Hartford, CT 06103
860-500-4450 or 800-282-6063

<https://beta.ctoec.org/licensing/>

Licensing Regulations: https://www.ctoec.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/final_child_day_care_center_and_group_day_care_home_regulations.pdf

Delaware

Department of Education
Office of Child Care Licensing,
Department of Services for Children, Youth and their Families
1825 Faulkland Road
Wilmington, DE 19805
(302) 892-5800 (New Castle); (302) 739-5487 (Kent & Sussex)
<http://kids.delaware.gov/occl/occl.shtml>

Licensing Regulations: <https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/public/decentersept2020.pdf>

District of Columbia

Office of the State Superintendent of Education
Division of Early Childhood Education (DECE)
810 First Street NE, 4th Floor
Washington, DC 20002
(202) 442-5929

(202) 727-2993 (DECE)

<https://osse.dc.gov/service/early-learning>

Licensing Regulations:

<https://osse.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/osse/publication/attachments/Final%20Rulemaking%20for%20the%20Licensing%20of%20Child%20Development%20Facilities.pdf>

Florida Department of Children and Families,

Office of Child Care Regulation
1317 Winewood Blvd. Building 6, Room 389-A
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0700
(888) 352-2842

<https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/child-care/child-care-licensure.sh...>

Licensing Regulations: <https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/child-care/laws-and-requirements.shtml>. Note: Some cities and/or counties in Florida have additional regulations. Please check with your city and county government for more information.

Georgia

Bright From the Start
Department of Early Care and Learning
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE
754 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334
(404) 657-5562

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/CCS/Default.aspx>

Licensing Regulations: <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>; [Rules and Regulations for Child Care Learning Center](#); [Rules and Regulations for Family Day Care Homes](#)

Hawaii

Department of Human Services
Benefit, Employment, and Support Services Division
Child Care Licensing Program
677 Queen Street, Room 400A
Honolulu, HI - 96813
808-586-7054

<http://humanservices.hawaii.gov/bessd/child-care-program/child-care-licensing/>

Licensing Regulations: https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/HAR_17-895-Infant-and-Toddler-Child-Care-Center-Rules.pdf

Illinois

Department of Children and Family Services
406 East Monroe Street
Springfield, IL - 62701-1498
(217) 785-2509 or (312) 814-6800

<https://sunshine.dcf.illinois.gov/Content/Licensing/Welcome.aspx>

Licensing Regulations: https://www2.illinois.gov/dcf/aboutus/notices/documents/rules_407.pdf. Note: Some cities and/or counties in Illinois have additional regulations. Please check with your city and county government for more information.

Indiana

Family and Social Services Administration
Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning
402 W. Washington Street, Room W361
Indianapolis, IN 46204
(877) 511-1144
<https://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/index.html>

Licensing Regulations:

https://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/files/IC_12-17-2-3-5_Eligibility_Provider_Rec_Reimb_Vouch_Pgm.pdf;
CCDF PES Law [IC 12-17.2-3](#); CCDF PES Rule [470 IAC 3-18](#); [IC 12-17.2-4 Chapter 4. Regulation of Child Care Centers](#); [IC 12-17.2-5 Chapter 5. Regulation of Child Care Homes](#)

Iowa

Department of Human Services
1305 E. Walnut Street, 5th Floor
Des Moines, IA 50319-0114
(515) 281-0429
<http://dhs.iowa.gov/licensure-and-registration>

Licensing Regulations: <https://ccmis.dhs.state.ia.us/providerportal/DocumentViewer.aspx?ID=8>

Kansas

Department of Health and Environment
Child Care Licensing Program
1000 SW Jackson Street, Suite 200
Topeka, KS - 66612-1274
(785) 296-1270
<http://www.kdheks.gov/bcclr/>

Licensing Regulations: <https://www.kdheks.gov/bcclr/regs.html>

Kentucky

Division of Child Care
Cabinet for Health and Family Services
275 East Main Street
Frankfort, KY 40621
(502) 564-2524
<https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dcbs/dcc/Pages/default.aspx>

Licensing Regulations: [Chapter 2 of the Kentucky Administrative Regulations; Standards of Practice: Licensed Providers; Standards of Practice: Certified Providers](#)

Louisiana

Department of Education
P.O. Box 4249
Baton Rouge, LA - 70821
(225) 342-9905

<https://www.louisianabelieves.com/early-childhood/child-care-and-development-fun...>

Licensing Regulations: <https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/licensing/regulation/bulletin-137-louisiana-early-learning-center-licensing-regulations> ; <https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/licensing/additional-standards/requirements-and-guidelines-public-school-and-nonpublic-school-early>

Maine

Department of Health and Human Services
Office of Child and Family Services
Children's Licensing and Investigation Services,
41 Anthony Avenue
Augusta, ME 04333-0011
(207) 287-9300 or (207) 287-5060

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ocfs/>

Licensing Regulations: <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ocfs/childrens-licensing-and-investigation/documents/Rules-for-the-Licensing-of-Child-Care-Facilities-10-148-Ch-32.pdf>; [Rules for Licensing of Nursery Schools](#); [Rules for Family Child Care Providers](#);
<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ocfs/childrens-licensing-and-investigation/documents/Rules-for-the-Licensing-of-Child-Care-Facilities-10-148-Ch-32.pdf>

Maryland

State Department of Education
Division Early Childhood Development
Child Care Licensing Branch
200 W. Baltimore Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

<http://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/child-care-providers/licensing>

Licensing Regulations: <https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/public/mdcenterjan2020508.pdf>

Massachusetts

Department of Early Education and Care
51 Sleeper St, 4th Floor
Boston, MA - 2210

Phone:

(617) 988-6600

<https://www.mass.gov/eec>

<https://www.mass.gov/guides/licensing-education-analytic-database-lead>

Licensing Regulations: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/licensing-regulations-forms-policies-and-technical-assistance>; <https://www.mass.gov/doc/eec-professional-qualifications-certification-requirements-and-frequently-asked-questions/download>

Michigan

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Bureau of Community and Health Systems
Child Care Licensing Division
611 W. Ottawa
P.O. Box 30664
Lansing, MI - 48909
(866) 685-0006
<http://www.michigan.gov/michildcare>

Licensing Rules: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/BCAL_PUB_8_3_16_523999_7.pdf

Minnesota

Department of Human Services
Licensing Division
P.O. Box 64242
St. Paul, MN 55164-0242
(651) 431-6500
<https://mn.gov/dhs/general-public/licensing/>

Licensing Regulations: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/9503/>

Mississippi

State Department of Health
Child Care Licensure Branch
143B Lefleur's Square
Jackson, MS 39215-1700
(601) 364-2827
<https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/ static/30,0,183.html>

Licensing Regulations: <https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/ static/resources/78.pdf>

Missouri

Department of Health and Senior Services
Section for Child Care Regulation
Division of Regulation and Licensure
3418 Knipp Drive, Suite F
P.O. Box 570
Jefferson City, MO - 65102-0570
(573) 751-2450
<http://health.mo.gov/safety/childcare/index.php>

[Licensing Regulations: 19 CSR 30-60.010*](#) License-Exempt Child Care Facilities

- **19 CSR 30-61.010** Licensing Rules for Family Child Care Homes
- **19 CSR 30-62.010** Licensing Rules for Group Child Care Homes and Child Care Centers
- **19 CSR 30-63.010** Child Care Comprehensive Background Screening

Montana

Department of Public Health and Human Services
Early Childhood Services Bureau
P.O. Box 2020953
Helena, MT 59620-2953
(866) 239-0458

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/qad/Licensure/childcarelicensing>

Licensing Regulations: <http://www.mtrules.org/gateway/ChapterHome.asp?Chapter=37%2E95>
<https://dphhs.mt.gov/Portals/85/ecfsd/documents/childcarelicensing/LicensingRequirementsforChildCareCenters.pdf> (Check that this or the prior state had some proposed regulations pending that will go into effect in 2021)

Nebraska

Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Public Health
P.O. Box 94986301
Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE - 68509-5007
(402) 471-1802 or (800) 600-1289

Agency Web Page:

<http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Child-Care-Licensing.aspx>

Licensing Regulations: [https://www.nebraska.gov/rules-and-regs/regsearch/Rules/Health and Human Services System/Title-391/Chapter-3.pdf](https://www.nebraska.gov/rules-and-regs/regsearch/Rules/Health%20and%20Human%20Services%20System/Title-391/Chapter-3.pdf)

Nevada

Division of Public Behavioral Health
Child Care Licensing
3811 W. Charleston Blvd., Ste 210
Las Vegas, NV – 89102
(702) 486-3822 or (775) 337-4470

[http://dpbh.nv.gov/Reg/ChildCare/Child_Care_Licensing - Home](http://dpbh.nv.gov/Reg/ChildCare/Child_Care_Licensing_-_Home)

Licensing Regulations: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/nac/nac-432a.html>;
<http://dpbh.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbhngov/content/Reg/childCare/Docs/EmployeeTrainingForm.pdf>

New Hampshire

Department of Health and Human Services
Bureau of Licensing & certification
Child Care Licensing Unit
129 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 271-9025; (800) 852-3345, ext. 9025

<http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/oos/cclu/index.htm>

Licensing Regulations: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/oos/cclu/documents/he-c4002.pdf>;
<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/oos/cclu/documents/he-c4002-changes.pdf>

New Jersey

Department of Children and Families

Office of Licensing

P.O. Box 729

Trenton, NJ 08625-0729

(855) 463-6323

<http://nj.gov/dcf/providers/licensing/>

Licensing Regulations: <https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/licensing/regulation/chapter-122-manual-requirements-child-care-centers> (provisions valid through January 31, 2024)

New Mexico

Children, Youth and Families Department

Early Childhood Services

P.O. Drawer 5160

Santa Fe, NM - 87502-5160

(800) 832-1321 or (505) 827-7499

<https://cyfd.org/child-care-services>

Licensing Regulations: <http://www.newmexicokids.org/caregivers-and-educators/nm-state-child-care-regulations/>

New York

Office of Children and Family Services

Division of Child Care Services

52 Washington Street North Bldg., Third Floor

Rensselaer, NY – 12144

(518) 474-9454 / (212) 676-2444

http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/childcare/daycare_regulations.asp

Licensing Regulations: <https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/regulations/>

North Carolina

Department of Public Instruction

301 N. Wilmington Street

Raleigh, NC 27601

(919) 807-3300

www.dpi.state.nc.us

North Dakota

Department of Human Services
Early Childhood Services
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Department 325
Bismarck, ND 58505-0250
(701) 328-2316 or 1-800-245-3736
<http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/childcare/info/>

Licensing Regulations: <https://www.legis.nd.gov/information/acdata/pdf/75-03-10.pdf>

Ohio

Department of Job and Family Services
Office of Family Assistance
4020 E Fifth Avenue
Columbus, OH - 43219
1-877-302-2347
<http://jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/index.stm>

Licensing Regulations: <https://emanuals.jfs.ohio.gov/ChildCare/ChildCareCenter/Rules/>

Oklahoma

Department of Human Services
P.O. Box 25352, Oklahoma City, OK - 73125
844-834-8314
<https://oklahoma.gov/okdhs/services/child-care-services/child-care-licensing.htm...>

Licensing Regulations: <http://www.okdhs.org/OKDHS%20Publication%20Library/14-05.pdf>

Oregon

Department of Education
Office of Child Care
Early Learning Division
P.O. Box 14050
Salem, OR 97309
(503) 947-1400 or (800) 556-6616
<https://oregonearlylearning.com/>

Licensing Regulations: <https://oregonearlylearning.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/CRT-132en-CC-Rule-Book-2020-11-02.pdf>

Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Department of Human Services
Office of Child Development and Early Learning
625 Forster St
Harrisburg, PA 17120
(800) 692-7462
<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

Licensing Regulations: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Child-Care/Pages/Child-Care-Regulations.aspx>

Puerto Rico

Departamento de la Familia
Edificio Gonzalez Padin
Ave. Ponce de Leon 1406
Pda 20
Santurce, PR 00910
(787) 724-8585
<http://childcare-kpg.star-knowledge.in/provider/>

Licensing Regulations:

<https://agencias.pr.gov/agencias/secretariado/Leyes2/Ley%20N%C3%BAm%20173%20del%2012%20de%20agosto%20de%202016%20Ley%20para%20el%20Licenciamiento%20de%20Establecimientos%20de%20Cuidado,.pdf>; <https://www.lexjuris.com/lexlex/Leyes2016/lexl2016173.htm>

Rhode Island

Rhode Island Department of Human Services
PO Box 8709
Cranston, RI 02920-8787
(800) 745-6575
<http://www.dhs.ri.gov/Programs/CCAPLicensing.php>

Licensing Regulations: <http://www.dhs.ri.gov/Regulations/index.php#Code>

South Carolina

SC Childcare Early Care and Education
Department of Education
1429 Senate Street
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 734-8500
<https://www.scchildcare.org/providers/become-licensed.aspx>;

Licensing Regulations: <https://www.scchildcare.org/library/laws-regulations-policies.aspx>;
<https://www.scchildcare.org/media/59009/2018-CCC-regulations-updated.pdf>

South Dakota

South Dakota Department of Social Services
700 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD 57501
(605) 773-3165
<https://dss.sd.gov/childcare/licensing/>

Licensing Regulations: https://dss.sd.gov/docs/childcare/Licensing_Handbook.pdf

Tennessee

Tennessee Department of Human Services
505 Deaderick Street
Nashville, TN 37243-1403
(615) 532-4885
<https://www.tn.gov/education/early-learning.html>

Licensing Regulations: <https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/rules/1240/1240-04/1240-04.htm>

Texas

Texas Health and Human Services
Brown-Heatly Building
4900 N. Lamar Blvd.
Austin, TX 78751-2316
(800) 862-5252
<https://www.hhs.texas.gov/doing-business-hhs/provider-portals/protective-services-providers/child-care-licensing>

Licensing Regulations: <https://www.hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/handbooks/ccrh/child-care-regulation-handbook>

Utah

State Board of Education
250 E 500 S
Salt Lake City, UT 84114
(801) 538-7740
<https://www.schools.utah.gov/curr/licensing>
licensing@schools.utah.gov

Vermont Agency of Education-Licensing Office

1 National Life Drive, Davis 5
Montpelier, VT 05641
(802) 828-2390
<https://education.vermont.gov/educator-licensure>
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Virgin Islands Department of Education

1834 Kongens Gade 00850
St. Thomas, VI 00802
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Virginia Department of Education

James Monroe Building
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Washington State Professional Educator Standards Board

Old Capitol Building
600 Washington Street SE
Olympia, WA 98504
(360) 725-6275
<https://www.pesb.wa.gov/>
PESB@k12.wa.us

West Virginia Department of Education

1900 Kanawha Blvd, Suite 700
East Charleston, WV 25303
(304) 558-7010
<https://wvde.us/certification-and-professional-preparation/certification/>
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Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

125 S. Webster Street
Madison, WI 53703
(608) 266-3390
<https://dpi.wi.gov/licensing>
dpistatesuperintendent@dpi.wi.gov

Wyoming Professional Teaching Standards Board

1920 Thomes Ave. Suite 100
Cheyenne, WY 82001
(307) 777-7291
<https://wyomingptsb.com/home/contact/>