

CDE

- Child Development Education Credential
- Approved Character Development Curriculum Implementation Required

FORMAL EDUCATION

Formal Education requires a total of 120 hours with a minimum of 10 hours training in each of the following eight areas:

- Child Development
- Social/Emotional Development
- Physical/Mental Development
- Family Relations
- Health, Safety, Learning Environments
- Professionalism
- Observing and Recording Behavior
- Program Management

IACET CEUs

Formal Education is approved for IACET CEU credit hours.

ALL Training hours for CDE are in addition to DCF Required 40 hours.

Program Date: Rolling enrollment – Start any time after submission of Student Enrollment Agreement with copy of Accredited High School Diploma or GED to CDEA. Needs to be working in an Early Childhood Setting.

The Child Development Education (CDE) Credential*

The Child Development Education Credential has been developed to provide an option for those who are located in a secular setting and who have a character development program in place as part of their daily routine. The CDE Credential requires identification of 18 key values taught throughout the year. The lesson plans required for the portfolio must reflect teaching strategies used to teach values to young children. An Observation Tool, Interview, and Portfolio Review will be used to assess character development curriculum implementation during the Verification Visit.

Cost Breakdown for CDE

CDE Credential

Florida Child Care Professional Credential (FCCPC)

Online CDE Credential Training	\$ 549.00
Formal Education (120 hrs)	
Registration Fee	
CDE Credential Manual and CDEA Membership	
Credential Process	\$ 650.00
TOTAL Cost	<u>\$1199.00</u>

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Guideline for Success: How to Earn Your FCCPC/CDE

Enroll

- Fax Student Enrollment Agreement and Accredited High School Diploma/GED to CDEA
- Pay Registration Fee to CDEA
- Purchase CDE Credential Training
- Receive Username/Password via email

Begin Credential Training and Process

- CDE Manual shipped
- Professional Membership Processed
- Attend Information Conference Call

Continue Credential Training and Process Online

- Complete Formal Education online (120 hours)
- Attend 3 Conference Calls

Complete Credential Training and Process

- Complete 2 Mentor Observations
- Complete Portfolio as Outlined in the CDE Credential Manual
- Join CDEA or other approved Professional Organization

Submit Application for Credential Observation

- Ensure all steps on Application are complete
- Mail Application with ALL REQUIRED documentation and Credential Process Payment to CDEA
- Allow 6-8 weeks to schedule your Verification Visit once all paperwork has been sent

Receive CDE Credential/FCCPC

- The Credential Review Process takes 6-8 weeks after Verification Visit to complete
- CDE Credential will be issued after favorable recommendations by the Review Team
- CDEA will forward credential status to DCF for issuance of FCCPC/B-5 Staff Credential

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