



Career Levels

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Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	Level 7	Level 8	Level 9	Level 10
Registry Membership	Verified high school diploma or GED	Approved Training¹			Non-Credit Credentials CDA Montessori Credential ² Family Services Credential	Credit Based Credentials			
		80 hours tiered training (any tier)	120 hours tiered training (any tier)	160 hours tiered training (40 hours must be tier 2 or 3 training)		Mentor and Mentor-Protege ³ (5 credits)	Family Services Credential or equivalent ⁴ (6-9 credits)	Registry Credentials ⁵ ▪ Afterschool and Youth Development ▪ Inclusion ▪ Infant Toddler ▪ Leadership ▪ Program Development	Registry Credentials ⁶ ▪ Administrator ▪ Preschool Apprenticeship Program (18 credits)
		This includes entry level course hours (effective after January 1, 2009)			Credit Based Increments				
					6 related credits	12 related credits	18 related credits	24 related credits	

Level 11	Level 12	Level 13	Level 14	Level 15	Level 16	Level 17
Early Childhood and Youth Development Degrees						
1 Year Diploma ⁷	Associate's Degree	Associate's Degree + Registry Credential	Bachelor's Degree	Bachelor's Degree + Registry Credential	Master's Degree	Doctorate
Any 2 Registry Credentials			Bachelor's Degree + DPI License ⁸	Bachelor's Degree + Registry Credential + DPI License ⁸	Master's Degree + DPI License ⁸	Doctorate + DPI License ⁸
Credit Based Increments	Degrees in Another Field					
30 related credits	Bachelor's Degree	Bachelor's Degree + Registry Credential	Master's Degree	Doctorate	Master's Degree + 36 related credits	Doctorate + 36 related credits
	Associate's Degree + 30 related credits	Bachelor's Degree + 30 related credits	Bachelor's Degree + 36 related credits	Master's Degree + Registry Credential		

¹Approved Training is training awarded a specific tier as approved by The Registry and taught by a Registry approved trainer.

²Montessori Credential accredited by MACTE only. Other out-of-state Credentials submitted will be evaluated on an individual basis.

³Must be taken in the role of Mentor.

⁴Equivalent is the 9-12 credit technical diploma from Northeast Wisconsin Technical College.

⁵Each individual Registry Credential eligible for Level 9 is comprised of 4 specific courses (12 total credits) per Credential.

⁶Each individual Registry Credential eligible for Level 10 is comprised of 6 specific courses (18 total credits) per Credential.

⁷One-year diploma is comprised of specific coursework totaling 24 or more credits.

⁸DPI licenses recognized are for Professional Educator license type. Substitute teacher and/or instructional aide are not eligible.