

**NYS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL SYSTEM**  
*New York State Early Learning Trainer Credential Levels with Alternate Routes*  
*Effective until 12/01/2013*

LEVEL 1		
Route	Education	Professional Experience in the Early Care and Learning Field (2 years of professional experience must be from working with children and families)
Standard	Associate's Degree in Early Childhood or Child Development <b>OR</b> An Associate's Degree in a related field with 18 credits in Early Childhood or Child Development	3 years
Alternate 1	Associate's Degree or 60 college credits <b>WITH</b>	5 years
	9 credits in Early Childhood, Child Development or related field <b>OR</b> Have held a CDA, FCCC, ITCEC, CPAC SAC or FDC	
Alternate 2	Associate's Degree or 60 college credits in an unrelated field	8 years
LEVEL 2		
Route	Education	Professional Experience in the Early Care and Learning Field (2 years of professional experience must be from working with children and families)
Standard	Bachelor's Degree in <b>Early Childhood or Child Development</b> <b>OR</b> Bachelor's Degree with 24 Credits in Early Childhood, Child Development or related field	3 years
Alternate 1	Bachelor's Degree <b>WITH</b>	5 years
	9 credits in Early Childhood, Child Development or related field <b>OR</b> Have held a CDA, FCCC, ITCEC, CPAC SAC or FDC	
Alternate 2	Bachelor's Degree in an unrelated field	8 years
LEVEL 3		
Route	Education	Professional Experience in the Early Care and Learning Field (2 years of professional experience must be from working with children and families)
Standard	Master's Ed.D and/or Ph.D Degree in Early Childhood or Child Development	3 years
Alternate 1	Master's Ed.D and/or Ph.D Degree <b>WITH</b> 30 credits in Early Childhood, Child Development or related field	5 years

CDA- Child Development Associate, FCCC- NYS Family Child Care Credential, FDC – Family Development Credential  
 ITCEC – NYS Infant Toddler Care and Education Credential, SAC – NYS School-Age Credential  
 Center Directors – Training their own staff on Core Body of Knowledge Areas 1-4