

Child Care Licensing CENTER DIRECTOR EDUCATIONAL CREDENTIALS

Each center must have a director who is at least 21 years of age, who has completed the Center Director Training class offered by the Child Care Licensing Program, and who has **one** of the following educational credentials:

- 1) An associates, bachelors, or graduate degree from an accredited college and successful completion of at least 12 semester credit hours of early childhood development courses;
- 2) Valid proof of a level 8, 9, or 10 Utah Early Childhood Career Ladder certification issued by the Utah Office of Child Care or the Utah Child Care Professional Development Institute;
- 3) A currently valid national certification such as a Certified Childcare Professional (CCP) issued by the National Child Care Association, a Child Development Associate (CDA) issued by the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition, or other credential that the licensee demonstrates to the Department as equivalent;
- 4) A currently valid National Administrator Credential (NAC) as approved by the Department, plus one of the following:
 - a) valid proof of successful completion of 12 semester credit hours of early childhood development courses from an accredited college; or
 - b) valid proof of completion of the following six Utah Early Childhood Career Ladder courses approved by the Utah Child Care Professional Development Institute: Child Development Ages and Stages, Learning in the Early Years, A Great Place for Kids, Strong and Smart, Learning to Get Along, and Advanced Child Development, or *equivalent classes; or
- 5) Any bachelors or higher college degree and valid proof of completion of the following six Utah Early Childhood Career Ladder courses approved by the Utah Child Care Professional Development Institute: Child Development Ages and Stages, Learning in the Early Years, A Great Place for Kids, Strong and Smart, Learning to Get Along, and Advanced Child Development, or *equivalent classes.

* The following online CARE courses are equivalent to the required Care About Childcare (CAC) classes:

Understanding Children is equivalent to Child Development Ages and Stages, and Learning in the Early Years.

Principles of Child Development is equivalent to Child Development Ages and Stages, and Learning in the Early Years.

Learning Centers is equivalent to A Great Place for Kids.

Child Development and Guidance is equivalent to Learning to Get Along and Advanced Child Development.

Many Ways to Learn is equivalent to Strong and Smart.

For information about CDA, CCP, or CEU training through Child Care Resource and Referral, go to: www.ccpdi.usu.edu

For information about the Utah Career Ladder program for child care providers, go to: www.ccpdi.usu.edu

For information about obtaining a CDA credential, go to: www.cdacouncil.org

For information about CARE courses, go to: <https://www.carecourses.com/PublicPages/Home.aspx>

For information about obtaining a National Administrator Credential, go to:

<http://www.utahchildcare.org/>

<http://niccm.com/index.php/General/utah-director-credential-2.html>

www.necpa.net

