

Child Care Services Unit

Child Care Professional Level Certification Guidelines

Child Care Services Unit is responsible for assessing educational transcripts to determine the level certification for child care professionals who work in licensed child care programs in Yukon.

Coursework considered for equivalency must be accredited coursework from a recognized educational institute and correspond with coursework outlined in schedule A of this document.

There are five levels of certification:

- Level 1 One 60-hour course, or equivalent, in early childhood development. If two 30 hour courses are used in combination, they must be from different streams. The Family Day Home course offered at Yukon College is considered equivalent to 60 hours.
- Level IA Minimum of 30 hours in the Health stream
Minimum of 60 hours in the Child Development stream
Minimum 30 hours in the Self Esteem stream
Minimum 45 hours in the Methods stream
Minimum 145 hours in the Field Placement stream (1 field placement, 1 seminar)
Minimum 45 hours in the Elective stream
- Level 2 Minimum of 30 hours in the Health stream
Minimum 90 hours in the Child Development Stream
Minimum 60 hours in the Self Esteem stream
Minimum 90 hours in the Methods stream
Minimum 400 hours in the Field Placement stream (1 field placement, 1 seminar)
Minimum 90 hours in the Elective stream
- Level 2A Minimum 75 hours in the Health stream
Minimum 135 hours in the Child Development Stream
Minimum 90 hours in the Self Esteem stream
Minimum 150 hours in the Methods stream
Minimum 650 hours in the Field Placement stream (1 field placement, 1 seminar)
Minimum 135 hours in the Elective stream
- Level 3 Minimum 120 hours in the Health stream
Minimum 180 hours in the Child Development Stream
Minimum 135 hours in the Self Esteem stream
Minimum 210 hours in the Methods stream
Minimum 910 hours in the Field Placement stream (1 field placement, 1 seminar)
Minimum 180 hours in the Elective stream (including English)

Areas of education considered for level certification

Early Childhood Certificate and Diplomas

A certificate in Early Childhood Education or Early Childhood Development may be equivalent to a Child Care Worker Level 2.

A diploma in Early Childhood Education or Early Childhood Development may be equivalent to a Child Care Worker Level 3.

If an applicant holding a diploma in ECE/ECD is granted a Child Care Worker Level 3, no additional course work is required to maintain this level certification. It is recommended that certified Child Care Workers continue to enroll in workshops, courses, and conferences as part of their professional development.

Montessori

An Association Montessori Internationale Diploma may be equivalent to a Child Care Worker Level 2.

Related Diploma and Degree Programs

A degree or diploma in the Health and Social Sciences fields or a Bachelor of Education Degree may be considered for equivalency for a Child Care Worker level 3. Applicants must first successfully complete a 60-hour early childhood development course.

If an applicant holding a diploma or degree in the Health and Social Sciences field or a Bachelor of Education degree is granted a Child Care Worker Level 3, the certification will be valid for one year.

During the one-year period the applicant must complete a minimum 30-hour accredited ECE/ECD course to maintain their CCW level 3 certification. Applicants must re-apply for their CCW certification prior to the expiration of certification, and provide proof of successful completion of ECD coursework.

If the applicant meets the requirements, certification will be granted for **an additional** year. If the applicant does not meet the requirements prior to the expiration date on their CCW level 3 certificate; their level 3 certification is no longer valid.

Education completed outside of North America

Child Care Services does not have the expertise or means to evaluate degree and diploma programs from countries other than Canada. Completed programs that are accepted by an accredited institution as equivalent may be considered.

Applicants can submit their coursework to a recognized Canadian credentialing agency to determine equivalency of coursework within Canada.

How to apply for level certification

An applicant requesting certification as a Child Care Worker must submit an application and an official transcript of completed coursework, issued by the post secondary institution, to the Child Care Services Unit for assessment. Child Care Services may request that the applicant submit a course syllabus to assist in the assessment process.

Applicants will receive a status letter in the mail within 20 working days from the date of submission. Applications are available at the Child Care Services office located at 9010 Quartz Road or on our website <http://www.hss.gov.yk.ca/childcareunit.php>



SCHEDULE A
Child Care Professional Level Designation Guidelines

Health Stream	Child Development Stream	Self Esteem Stream	Methods Stream	Placement Stream	Elective Stream
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Course (30 hours) • Family Sociology (45 hours) • Advocacy (45 hours) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developmental Psychology (60 hours) • Child Psychology (45 hours) • Exceptionalities course (45 hours) • Foundations in Early Childhood (30 hours) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self Esteem courses (60 hours) Examples include: child guidance Personal wellness Communications (not a language course). • Interpersonal Effectiveness (45 hours) Examples include counseling courses • Team Building (45 hours) <p>* Two 30-hour courses from this stream would not qualify for a level I designation. Coursework must be in different streams for a level I designation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Early Childhood Development (60 hours) • Learning Through Play (60 hours) • Fine Arts with Children (45 hours) Examples include primary music, movement, and drama courses • Science with Children (45 hours) Examples include primary science, social studies and math • Children’s language and literature (45 hours) • Program Implementation (45 hours) • Observation course (45 hours) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field Placement I (145 hours) • Integration Seminar I (15 hours) • Field Placement II (400 hours) • Integration Seminar II (15 hours) • Field Placement III (655 hours) • Integration Seminar III (15 hours) • Field Placement IV (910 hours) • Integration Seminar IV (15 hours) • Prior Learning assessments (2nd 3rd and 4th placements) <p>For completed related degree and diploma programs, flexibility will be used when assessing field placement hours</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elective I (45 hours) • Elective II (45 hours) • Elective III (45 hours) Examples include: Sign language Women’s studies Arts and Sciences courses <p>All elective courses must be at a college level. Upgrading coursework is not equivalent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written/oral language (45 hours) Examples include Yukon College’s courses com190 – com194; Eng. 100/101 <p>A written/oral language must be completed for a level III designation</p>