



# STAFF CREDENTIAL

## Child Care Standards

[65C-22.001\(6\)](#), and [65C-20.008\(6\)](#), Florida Administrative Code

The purpose of the staff credential requirement is to ensure individuals in child care programs have advanced their education and experience in order to provide developmentally appropriate care.

Child care personnel **must** complete the [Florida Child Care Staff Credential Verification Application](#), CF-FSP Form 5211, October 2017, in order to verify they have met the qualifications. Verification will be documented on the Child Care Training Transcript, which is the only documentation used by licensing to determine compliance with the staff credential requirement.

**To qualify for a staff credential, a child care professional must have one of the following:**

- An active [National Early Childhood Credential](#) (NECC).
- [Formal Educational Qualifications](#).
- An active [Birth Through Five Child Care Credential](#), which can be met by one of the following:
  - Florida Child Care Professional Credential (FCCPC),
  - Florida Department of Education Child Care Apprenticeship Certificate (CCAC), or
  - Early Childhood Professional Certificate (ECPC).
- An active [School-Age Child Care Credential](#), which can be met by one of the following:
  - Florida Child Care Professional Credential (FCCPC), or
  - School-Age Professional Certificate (SAPC).

*NOTE: A School-Age FCCPC will not be accepted to meet the minimum staff credential requirements for Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK).*

**National Early Childhood, Birth Through Five, and School-Age Child Care Staff Credentials must be renewed:**

- National Early Childhood Credentials:
  - As an Birth Through Five (FCCPC) by submitting the [Florida Child Care Staff Credential Verification Application](#), CF-FSP Form 5211, October 2017, with renewal requirements attached;
- **OR**
  - By the organization that issued the original credential.
- Birth Through Five and School-Age Child Care Credentials the [Florida Child Care Staff Credential Verification Application](#), CF-FSP Form 5211, October 2017 outlines the renewal requirements.