

Florida Department of Education

Notice of Statewide Articulation

Child Care Credentials to AS Degree Program

AS Degree Name: Early Childhood Education

CIP Number: **AS:** 1413121004

Description:

In accordance with s. [1007.23\(6\)](#), this agreement guarantees the statewide articulation of nine (9) credit hours towards a postsecondary degree in Early Childhood Education for programs approved by the State Board of Education, which:

- Award a Child Development Associate (CPREC001) credential or award a credential approved under s. [1002.55](#) (3)(c)1.b. or s. [402.305](#)(3)(c) as being equivalent; and
- Include training in emergent literacy which meets or exceeds minimum standards for training courses for prekindergarten instructors of VPK programs

Equivalent credentials, include:

- Florida Department of Children and Families Birth through Five Florida Child Care Professional Credential (FCCPC)
- Florida Department of Education Child Care Apprenticeship Certificate (CCAC)
- Florida Department of Education Early Childhood Professional Certificate (ECPC)
- Council for Professional Recognition National Child Development Associate (CDA)

This agreement does not preclude the awarding of additional credits by any college through local agreements.

Validation Mechanism:

To be eligible for articulation, the student must show evidence of receiving an approved credential and it must have been issued within five (5) years prior to their enrollment in the program.

Rationale/Justification:

Child care credentials approved under s. [402.305](#) and s. [1002.55](#) that include emergent literacy training are accepted by the Department of Children Families (DCF) as meeting the state of Florida's training requirements for child care personnel and Voluntary Prekindergarten instructors, respectively. The articulation of these credentials is guaranteed in accordance with [1007.23\(6\)](#)

Applicability:

Articulated credit awarded under this agreement may only be applied to the Early Childhood Education AS Degree and the following College Credit Certificate (CCC) programs: Early Childhood Development Specialization (0419070904); Early Childhood Inclusion Specialization (0413121000); Child Care Center Management Specialization (0419070906); Infant/Toddler Specialization (0419070907); and Preschool Specialization (0419070908).

Special Notes:

- Florida Statute [402.305](#)(2)1.g. states that successful completion of the 40-clock hour Introductory Child Care Training (FDLCF004) shall articulate into community (state) college credit in early childhood education, pursuant to ss. [1007.24](#) and [1007.25](#).
- This agreement does not preclude the awarding of credits by any college through local agreements for DCF-approved school-age credentials, including:
 - Florida Department of Education School Age Professional Certificate (SAPC) and
 - Florida Department of Children and Families School-Age Florida Child Care Professional Credential (FCCPC)